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Two men lost their lives and several others were injured when a terrific explosion occurred yesterday in the U.S. arsenal at Dover, New Jersey, only a few miles from the Hercules Powder Company's plant which was wrecked a few weeks ago.

The cause of the explosion has not yet been definitely fixed, but the possibility of sabotage is discounted in authoritative circles.

According to preliminary reports, the explosion occurred when arsenal workers were removing fuses from shells made during the World War, 1914-1918.

WEATHER FORECAST:—South-west winds, moderate; fair generally, some local showers.

**WARNINGS
OF REPRISALS
BY VICHY**

The new attack by the Royal Navy against its former ally (says Reuter) has aroused indignation at Vichy and warnings of reprisals, but M. Baudoin, the Foreign Minister, informed the foreign press that the attack was not a casus belli and France would not declare war on England.

The moment word of the attack was received, Marshal Petain summoned a special session of the Cabinet, after which it was briefly announced that France would return force with force.—Reuter.

**Action Still Going
On Last Night**

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A PITCHED BATTLE — THE THIRD MAJOR CLASH BETWEEN THE FORMER ALLIES — WAS REPORTED IN PROGRESS LAST NIGHT AT DAKAR BETWEEN A STRONG BRITISH NAVAL FORCE, ON ONE SIDE, AND SIX FRENCH WARSHIPS AND COASTAL BATTERIES, ON THE OTHER.

Marking one of the most sensational episodes after the collapse of France, General Charles de Gaulle, leader of Free France, who is carrying on the fight against Germany, personally delivered an ultimatum to the Governor-General of French West Africa, General Pierre Boisson. General de Gaulle is on board the British flagship which is now shelling the shore batteries.

The battle is a bold stroke on the part of Britain and General de Gaulle to prevent by force Vichy getting control of the vast French African territories, in which Dakar is a strategic point

In addition to two dreadnaughts, four cruisers, several destroyers and four transports, the British squadron is also composed of fast motor torpedo-boats.

This points to the possibility of a British naval attack on the French warships, which are anchored close inshore, while the transports indicate that efforts will be made to land a large force of troops.

The French Cabinet meeting at Vichy yesterday pledged "blow for blow" retaliation.

Riding At Anchor

The three French cruisers and three destroyers which Britain recently permitted to pass Gibraltar unmolested were riding at anchor at Dakar when the British fleet suddenly arrived.

The French Foreign Minister, M. Paul Baudoin, announced yesterday that "France will not declare war on Britain," but hinted that retaliation would come "from another quarter."

long-prepared A.R.P. plans.

Cars Commandeered

Red Cross units are at their posts in Hanoi and other large towns which may conceivably be the target of air attack, and the Army has commandeered all motor-cars.

It is learned that a hospital train has arrived in Hanoi with at least 150 wounded French troops.

It is presumed these are the casualties in the border fighting on Sunday night which precipitated the larger operations now proceeding.

Later reports state the Japanese have put into operation

**KIDNAPPER
CAUGHT BY
ACCIDENT**

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

It is now learned that the kidnapper of the 3-year old son of Count Marc de Tristan, who was snatched from his nurse near their Hillsborough (California) home on Friday, was a German subject.

The three lumber-jacks who actually located the kidnapper had not even heard of the kidnapping, as the battery of their radio set had gone dead and

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**INDO-CHINA BATTLE
ASSUMES SERIOUS
PROPORTIONS**

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

FIGHTING BETWEEN French troops and Japanese forces crossing the Indo-China border has now assumed serious proportions. Resumed near Dongdang yesterday afternoon, the battle was still in progress this morning.

The Japanese were using bombing planes, operating from an aircraft-carrier near Haiphong, and both sides had brought artillery into action.

Attitude of the French authorities appears to have stiffened, an official commentator is reported to have said, in reference to the Japanese "peaceful advance" communiqué that "no force coming across the border under cover of darkness in combat formation and bearing arms can be regarded as friendly."

The French denounce the border crossing as a breach of the agreement between General Nishihara and Admiral De Coux. Bombs were dropped by Japanese planes in the market-place of Langson yesterday and many were killed and wounded.

Japanese planes appear to be playing a major part in the fighting in the Dongdang region.

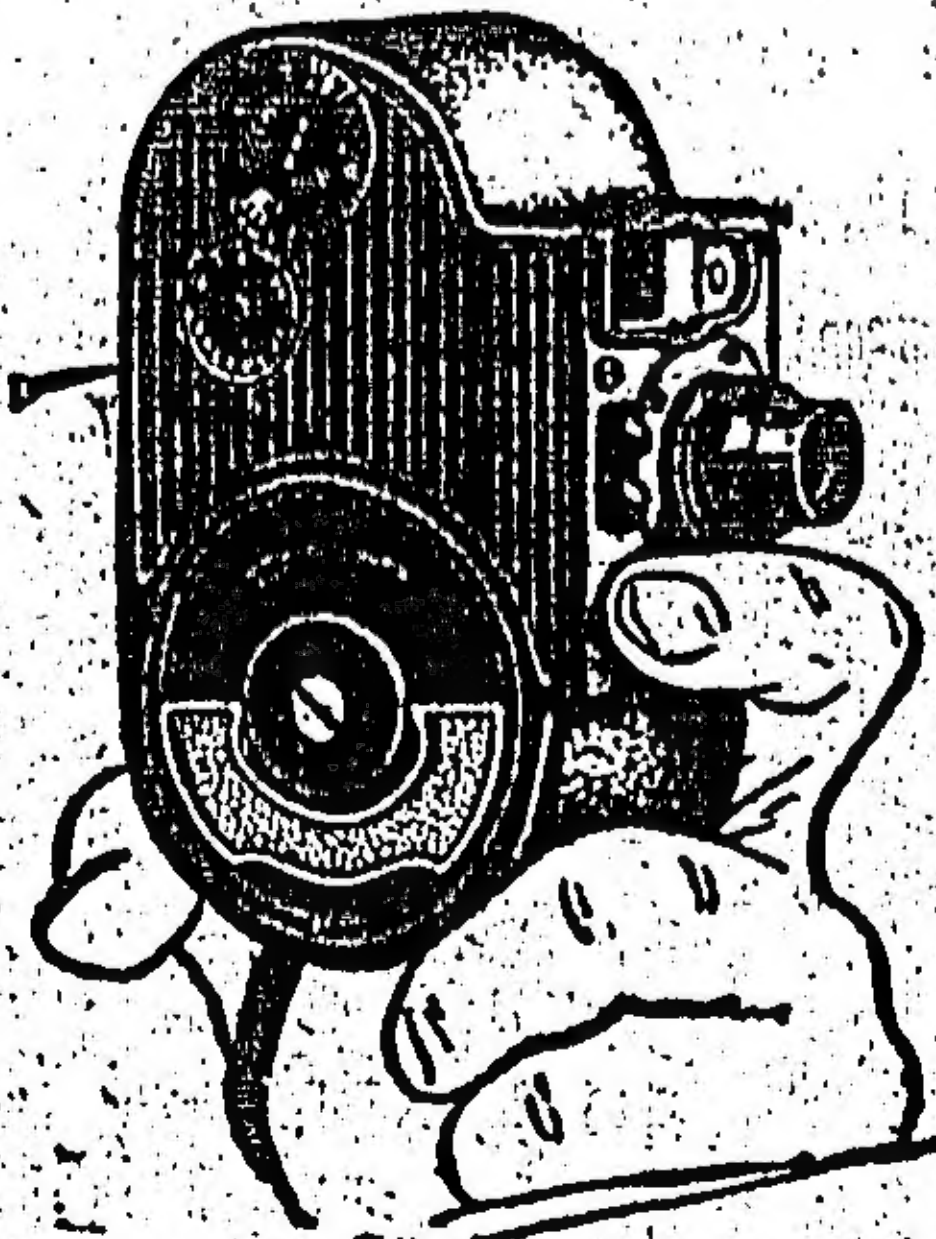
Langson, an Indo-China town two miles south-east of Dongdang and 15 miles inside the French border, has been heavily bombed, according to Chinese reports, the raiders concentrating on the airport and the centre of the town.

The French troops have apparently abandoned Dongdang, and appear to have taken up new lines of resistance around Langson.

It seems inevitable that the fighting will spread, and the French authorities have put into operation

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HEAVY ITALIAN LOSSES IN ADVANCE INTO EGYPT FROM LIBYA

DETAILS OF THE ITALIAN ADVANCE INTO EGYPT FROM LIBYA, MADE AVAILABLE IN CAIRO YESTERDAY, SHOW THAT ONE ENEMY COLUMN, AFTER REPAIRING THE ROAD DOWN THE ESCARPMENT AT SOLLUM WHICH HAD BEEN BLOWN UP BY BRITISH SAPPERS, BEGAN TO ADVANCE ALONGSIDE THE SEA UNDER A CERTAIN DEGREE OF COVER AFFORDED BY LOW-LYING SANDHILLS.

A second column advanced along the top of the escarpment to Halifya Pass, some 15 miles from Sollum, but when it attempted to descend the escarpment it suffered severe casualties.

At the last moment the pass was blown up by retiring troops and the Italians were forced to dismount from their transports. They began streaming down the pass and through the rocky watercourses where they were subjected to Bren gunfire.

British forward troops — a famous regiment — participated in this operation and then withdrew and left the enemy to encounter the next obstacle.

Before the Italian advance enemy artillery fire from Bardia, aided by spotters at Capuzzo, was very accurate since they had been able to plot the range of all targets.

Difficult Line

A comparatively small proportion of the enemy are actually engaged as front line troops, as many thousands are necessary for the establishment and maintenance of what must surely be one of the most difficult and exposed lines of communication with which any general has had to deal.

In order to avoid congestion along the coast, Italian motorised units are also advancing along another coastal track due south of Bukbuk.

From this point they may be forced to proceed over a very rough desert track and join up with the coastal troops, since the desert further to the south is a labyrinth of rocky wadis and sandhills unsuitable for advancing without the risk of getting lost.

The enemy therefore is faced with the necessity of maintaining two distinct and ever-lengthening lines of communication.

Halted At Barrani

The Italians are halted at the moment inside the Barrani district, which is situated at a point where the escarpment of the rough desert hinterland begins to approach the sea.

The Italian claim to have captured a large number of British armoured units is untrue.

The British are hitting the enemy hard and methodically whenever he exposes himself and hitherto British casualties have been small. — Reuter.

DUTCH RECRUITING IN CANADA

Eight Dutch army officers arrived at an eastern Canadian port yesterday to recruit an infantry battalion from among Netherlanders in Canada. — Reuter.

GANDHI'S VISIT TO SIMLA

Ostensible reason for Mr. Gandhi's visit to Simla (where he will see the Viceroy on Friday this week) is to elucidate the Government's attitude towards the Congress resolution last week which, inter alia, withdrew the conditional offer to co-operate with Britain in the prosecution of the war.

While the extremist section of Congress hopes, by pursuing the propagation of non-violence as a cloak to anti-war activities, to provoke a breach with the Government, the conservative majority does not pretend to know Mr. Gandhi's thoughts but believes a compromise may ensue.

There is even an embryonic hope in some quarters that the interview may lead to a resumption of office by Congress in provincial legislatures. — Reuter.

NO CHANGE IN WESTERN DESERT

A communique issued by British headquarters in Cairo yesterday stated there is no change in the situation in the Western Desert.

Enemy aircraft bombed Sidi Haneish and Mersa Matruh, causing negligible damage and two casualties.

In Cyprus the enemy raided Morphou without causing any damage. — Reuter.

R.A.F. RAID ON BEN GHAZI HARBOUR

A SUCCESSFUL RAID on the harbour of Ben Ghazi, one of Marshal Graziani's chief supply bases in Libya, was reported in last night's R.A.F. communique in Cairo.

The communique states the raid on Ben Ghazi harbour on Saturday resulted in a direct hit on a ship. Bombs were also dropped on a warehouse alongside the mole and a fire broke out among warehouses.

On Sunday Menastir aerodrome was raided as well as an enemy motor transport concentration at Sidi Barani. Direct hits on lorries were observed.

An enemy raid on Malta on Sunday damaged ten houses in a village.

In Africa we attacked Maiada and Dura aerodrome and the South African Air Force successfully raided El Katulo and Dimo.

There have been enemy raids on Aden, without damage. — Reuter.

Nairobi Communique

A Nairobi communique yesterday stated the South African Air Force carried out a successful offensive reconnaissance on Sept. 21 and 22.

Further reports of the enemy air attack on Isolo on Sept. 21 reveal that while we suffered no military or police casualties, a few native civilians were killed and others wounded. — Reuter.

KING AND QUEEN VISIT RAID VICTIMS

THEIR MAJESTIES THE KING AND QUEEN AGAIN VISITED PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN RECENT VICTIMS OF RAIDS ON LONDON IN THE LONDON HOSPITAL, WHOSE 200TH ANNIVERSARY IT WAS YESTERDAY.

In a message to the chairman, the King expressed his admiration for the way in which the medical staff and nursing services are carrying on in these difficult days, despite the bombing to which they have been ruthlessly subjected.

Their Majesties toured the wards, talking to men and women victims of recent East End raids.

They talked to two men in neighbouring beds who are in the A.F.S. and were rescued after being buried for 20 minutes under a blazing wall.

Another man, a policeman, described how he was hit by masonry when a time-bomb for which he was searching exploded 10 yards away. — Reuter.

BRITAIN RICHER THAN IN 1937 DESPITE WAR

AFTER A YEAR OF WAR BRITAIN REMAINS RICHER IN NATIONAL WEALTH THAN AT THE BEGINNING OF 1937, AFFIRMED THE EMINENT ECONOMIST, MR. J. M. KEYNES, IN A BROADCAST FROM LONDON LAST NIGHT.

Mr. Keynes said the wastage of the national resources which Britain had suffered hitherto was easily exaggerated.

"Thinking that after the war it had not been necessary in we shall have to lower our standard of life I see no likelihood of serious economic restrictions," he enjoined, and added: "The second year is in truth

"On the contrary, I hope we the first year of real war for Britain shall have learnt something.

about the conduct of currency and foreign trade, about controls and about the capacity of the country to produce, which will prevent us ever relapsing into our pre-war economic morass.

"There is no reason why the people should not look forward to higher standards of living after the war than ever they enjoyed."

Damage To London

He believed he would not prove far wrong if he said the damage done in London since the beginning of August had not been much greater than the normal capacity of our building trade to reinstate within the same period.

If we suffered £1,000,000 worth of damage every night for a year we should not have lost more than four per cent. of our buildings and contents, or more than could be restored in a couple of years.

Deferred Pay Plan

Referring to his deferred pay plan, Mr. Keynes expressed the opinion that sooner or later some more drastic methods would be necessary.

Although the Government had not yet adopted his plan there had been no significant degree of inflation yet.

TEMPLE ROBBED

THE KUN YAN TEMPLE AT CHI WAN SHAN, OFF SHANTUNG PATH IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, WAS RAIDED BY THREE ROBBERS, ARMED WITH DAGGERS, SHORTLY AFTER 1 A.M. TO-DAY.

After tying up the inmates, the men ransacked the temple and escaped with \$400 (Chinese National Currency); \$0 (Hong Kong Currency); and six gold finger-rings.

The men fled in the direction of Kowloon and no arrests have yet been made.

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Remarkable Phrases In Vichy Communique

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THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN FRANCE AND JAPAN WAS ANNOUNCED IN AN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN VICHY YESTERDAY.

The communique states that "with a view to contributing towards the new order in East Asia and a solution of the China question, negotiations on fundamental questions concerning French Indo-China were conducted in Tokyo in a friendly atmosphere last week."

"The Japanese Government gave the French Government an assurance of their intention to respect French rights and interests in the Far East, particularly the territorial integrity of Indo-China."

"The French Government consented to grant the Japanese Government special facilities in Indo-China for the Japanese army and navy to pursue their operations."

A proclamation by the Governor-General of Indo-China, Admiral De Coux, in Saigon yesterday, states the agreement concluded in Hanoi was based on the agreement previously signed by the Japanese Government and the French Ambassador in Tokyo.

Dong Dang Surrender

Meanwhile a Tokyo army communique announces that the French garrison at Dong Dang, on the Indo-Chinese border, surrendered yesterday morning after "unlawfully resisting" the Japanese advance into French territory.

The French troops were then disarmed.

Fighting had continued spasmodically for 11 hours, stated other Japanese sources yesterday.

Lt.-Col. Lobet, commanding the French troops in the Dong Dang area, is reported to have been killed in the fighting, according to a Haiphong despatch.—Reuter.

The Tokyo communique puts previous reports on the surrender of the French army in a proper perspective. The only troops who have surrendered, apparently, are the small detachment which resisted the Japanese advance.

PRESSURE ON JAPAN POSSIBLE

The possibility of new American economic measures to restrict Japan arose yesterday as a result of the invasion of Indo-China.

It was stated in well-informed Washington circles that such restrictions might include tighter control of exports of oil, scrap iron, and other materials of which Japan makes large purchases.

Despite Japanese assurances that the territorial integrity and French sovereign rights would be respected, the invasion of Indo-China is regarded in official quarters in Washington as a serious threat to American interests and policies in the Far East.—Reuter.

GERMAN LOSSES LAST WEEK

It was stated authoritatively in London yesterday that during the week ended Sept. 21 Germany lost 265 machines in battles over Britain. Britain lost 47 planes but 28 pilots are safe.

In R.A.F. raids over the Continent 12 British machines failed to return.—Reuter.

CHINA WATCHING AMERICA

Japan's "invasion" of Indo-China is not aimed primarily against China but forms an important step in her policy of southward expansion and is likely to be used as the jumping off ground for a future attack on the Netherlands East Indies and Singapore.

This view of the Indo-China agreement was finding considerable currency in informed circles in Chungking yesterday and the Chinese are keenly awaiting the reaction abroad to the new Japanese adventure, particularly the views of Britain and the United States.

Chinese circles generally believe the United States will make further and more drastic economic reprisals against Japan, while it is hoped British will give China greater assistance in order to secure Chinese cooperation in a joint effort to check Japan's southward expansion.

Burma Road?

The Chinese therefore cherish the hope that Britain will re-open the Burma road so that the



This exclusive picture just received from London was taken during the recent operations in the Mediterranean. Although the Italian communiques and Press made fantastic claims as to the damage done to our vessels, they clearly show the salvos of bombs falling harmlessly into the sea. (Copyright, Fox).

CHINA LODGES FORMAL PROTEST WITH INDO-CHINA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A STRONG PROTEST against the agreement allowing Japanese armed forces to pass through and to use Indo-China territory as military, naval and air bases was sent to the French Indo-China Government by the Chinese Foreign Office in Chungking.

The Chinese Foreign Office notified the Indo-China Government that China considers herself free to take all appropriate measures for self-defence along the Indo-China border and that the Indo-China Government will have to accept responsibility for any damage which may result in Indo-China territory from such measures.

Meanwhile, it is reliably learned that the Chinese front-line forces in Yunnan are moving further southwards to the Indo-China border, although it is generally believed in official Chinese circles that the Japanese forces will not make any immediate attempt to invade Yunnan which they stated "was never the object of the demand for military concessions by the Japanese."

Unconfirmed messages state that many leaders in Tongkin strongly disapprove the De Coux-Nishihara Agreement and that a revolt is brewing in that province, many military officers having openly voiced disagreement with Admiral De Coux's "realistic policy."

THAI'S GOODWILL MISSION

An official "goodwill mission" arrived in Rangoon yesterday morning from Thailand.

The mission, which leaves for India on September 30, is visiting Burma, India, Malaya and Australia with the object of "promoting friendly relations between Thailand and the British Empire." — Reuter.

JAPANESE ACCUSED IN SINGAPORE

Two Japanese, one of whom is a woman, were charged in Singapore yesterday with an offence under the Official Secrets Ordinance and remanded.

Six Japanese were detained the previous day for enquiries over four were later released.—Reuter.

United States will be to send along the route all available supplies to strengthen China's resistance.

It is pointed out in Chungking that any collapse of China will leave Japan a free hand to pursue a policy of southward expansion.—Reuter.

ITALIAN RAID ON HAIFA

THE GOVERNOR AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF IN PALESTINE HAS SENT 4,100 TOWARDS THE COST OF REPAIRING THE MOSQUE AT HAIFA DAMAGED ON SATURDAY DURING THE ITALIAN AIR RAID.

It is now learned that a total of 34 were killed and 73 injured. All were Arabs.

A Jerusalem message says that the raid has had the effect of alienating what little respect remains for the "Defender of Islam," as Mussolini once arrogantly described himself. — Reuter.

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NAZIS NOT PROUD THIS TIME OF THEIR U-BOAT COMMANDER

IT SEEMS INCREDIBLE that anyone should doubt that the child-evacuee ship was sunk, but an official Berlin statement yesterday said that "the story is a brazen lie, intended to soften the tear-glands of the world and help bring the United States into the war."

A little later, Deutschlandsender, the German radio, commented on the British reports, again describing them as lies.

The German radio twisted the reports around to make the ship an armed auxiliary ship and attempted to throw suspicion by making much play of the fact that although the ship was sunk last Tuesday, the news was withheld until Sunday night.

The reason for the delay is a simple one. If the torpedoing had been immediately announced families and parents of every child now on the high seas under the evacuation scheme would have spent days of anxiety worrying about whether or not their particular children were safe.

Act Of Consideration

Furthermore, the Government wished parents who had lost children to be officially informed of the fact and not learn it from the newspapers or radio.

The delay, in fact, was an act of consideration, both to parents who were bereaved and those whose children are safe and sailing in other ships.

Deutschlandsender's comment is one long sneer. It calls it "another Churchill case" and questions whether it actually took place at all. It comments: —

"If there is any truth in this surprising and frequent sinking of ships, which the British propaganda causes to happen every four or five weeks — as everyone knows — then the British Government itself is responsible!"

Hue-And-Cry

It goes on to say that the British deliberately send some children in every ship voyaging to the United States so that they can raise a hue-and-cry if anything happens.

Yesterday afternoon, the German news agency said: —

"It is ascertained that at the time, German naval ships did not sink any enemy craft."

The agency also casts doubt on the truth and says that if the ship was sunk it must have been as a result of a British mine! — Reuter.

ALTERED DATE OF INOCULATION

LIN YUEN-YEUNG, 30, AN ACCOUNTANT OF THE ORGANIC FERTILISER COMPANY, KING'S BUILDING, WAS CHARGED BEFORE MR. G. T. LOWRY THIS MORNING WITH POSSESSION OF A FORGED CHOLERA INOCULATION CERTIFICATE AT THE MACAO WHARF YESTERDAY.

Defendant admitted that he altered the date on the certificate.

Sergeant Cullinan told the Court that defendant arrived from Macao yesterday. He produced an inoculation certificate at the wharf. Defendant was asked to go to the Port Health Office, where the register was examined. Defendant's certificate was found to have been issued on September 18. Defendant had altered the date to September 10.

Defendant was fined \$40, or six weeks' imprisonment.

WOUNDING CASE IN CONDUIT ROAD

As a sequel to an incident at No. 29, Conduit Road on Saturday morning, when two Chinese servants were attacked, Wong Ngau, 35, assistant cook, was charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry this morning, with unlawfully and maliciously wounding Ng Sam-yau, cook, and Ng Sze-tim, 19, house boy.

He was remanded for 72 hours for further enquiries.

Det. Sub-Inspector C. Goodwin is in charge of the case.

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The second Canadian loan of £75,000,000 has just been heavily over-subscribed.

Canada's man-power, too, is growing stronger every day.

A year ago, the Canadian Air Force had 4,000 men in its ranks. To-day, it has over four times that amount and in addition is training men from all parts of the Empire for service in the air.

A year ago, the Canadian Navy had 15 ships and 1,800 men. To-day, it has 120 ships and 10,000 men and will soon have 215 ships manned by 15,000 Canadians.

The Canadian Army is bigger than that of the United States. It has an active service complement of 153,000 men and a further 100,000 men in active militia.

1,000,000 To Be Trained

Under the national mobilisation act, it will grow at the rate of 30,000 men a month until 1,000,000 men have been trained. Canada already has 40,000 men serving overseas in many places.

In South Africa, the response of manufacturers has been so great that the Government has not yet had to use its powers of compulsion.

Twelve Government factories are now making munitions, one of them being entirely staffed by naturalised Germans of proved loyalty to the British cause.

One steel construction firm is now making aeroplane hangars, while portable bridges are being made out of a high tensile steel never before produced in South Africa.

India is producing 20,000 articles required for war purposes and this total will be increased. — Reuter.

Colonial Gifts

New Colonial gifts for aircraft include a further £500 from the War Fund Committee in Uganda towards the cost of a fighter squadron, each machine of which (Continued at foot of next Col.) will bear a place name of Uganda.

With contributions of £1,000 and £8,000 from the native administrations of Ankole and Teso, Uganda's total is now £42,000.

A telegram from the Governor of North Borneo asks the Ministry of Aircraft Production to accept a further £5,000 for a Spitfire.

Gifts at home range from £3,000 by the Winchester Spitfire Fund to £1 from typing department of the Port of London Authority. — British Wireless.

THEFT OF FAN FROM EUROPEAN

A 24-year-old car-cleaner, Lai Shing, was charged before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, with stealing an electric fan from car No. 5503, the property of Mr. Appleyard, of the War Taxation Department.

Luk Kam was charged with receiving the fan.

Defendants were remanded for further enquiries. Det. Sergeant V. Morrison is in charge of the case.

CIGARETTES RUN SHORT IN JAPAN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") The greater demand for cigarettes is causing a shortage of popular brands of cigars and cigarettes in Japan, says the Tokyo "Nichi-Nichi." The Monopoly Bureau, the paper says, will now concentrate on only the more popular brands. — Havas.

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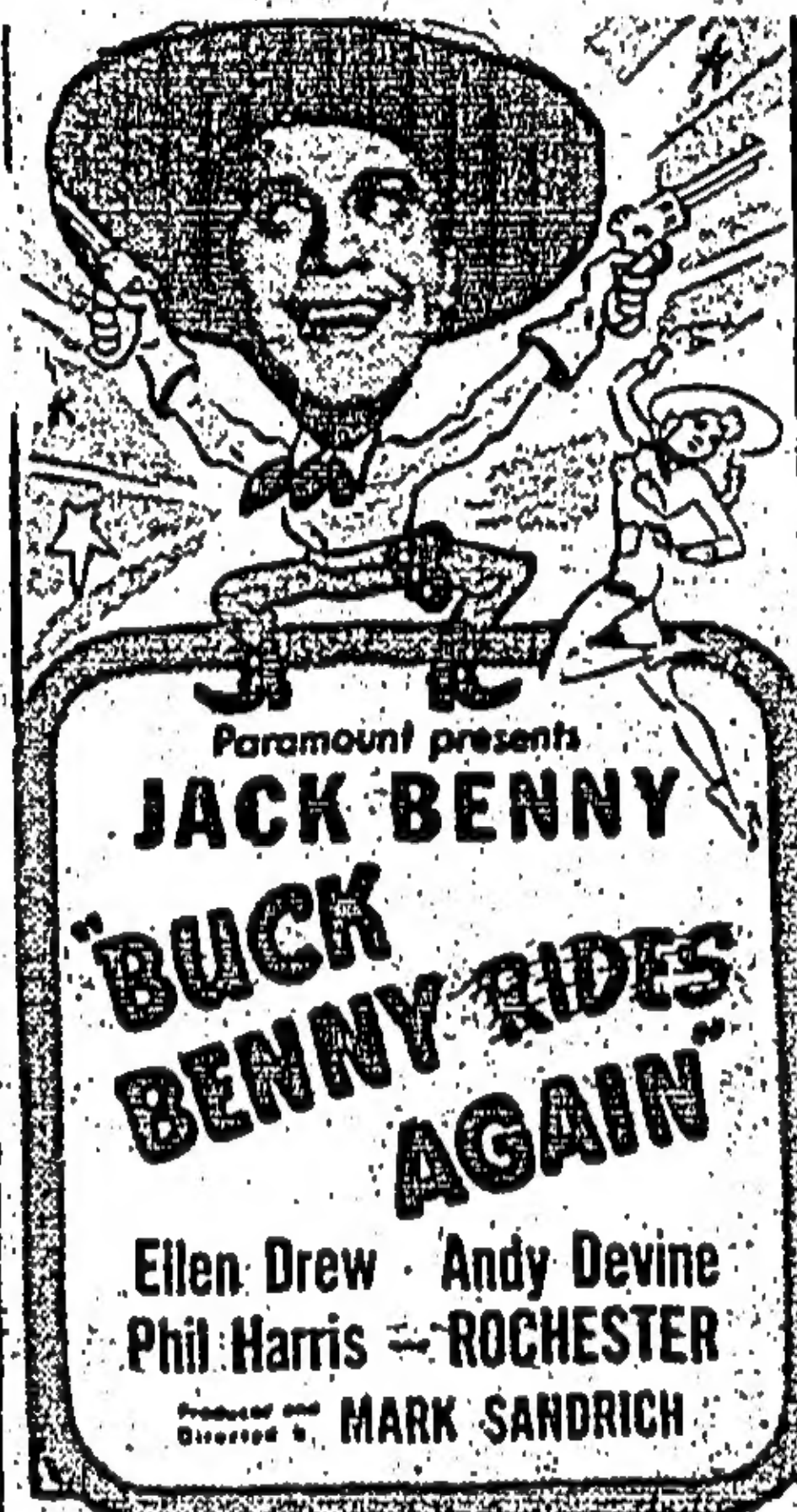
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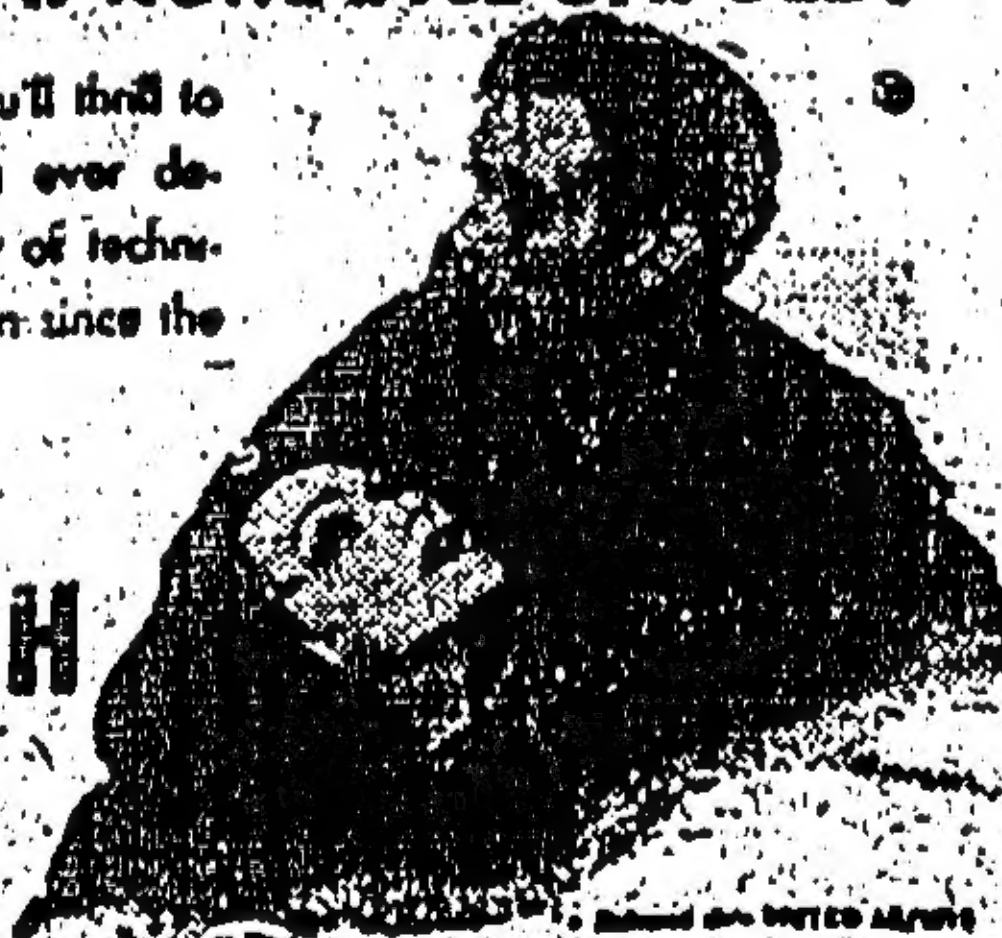
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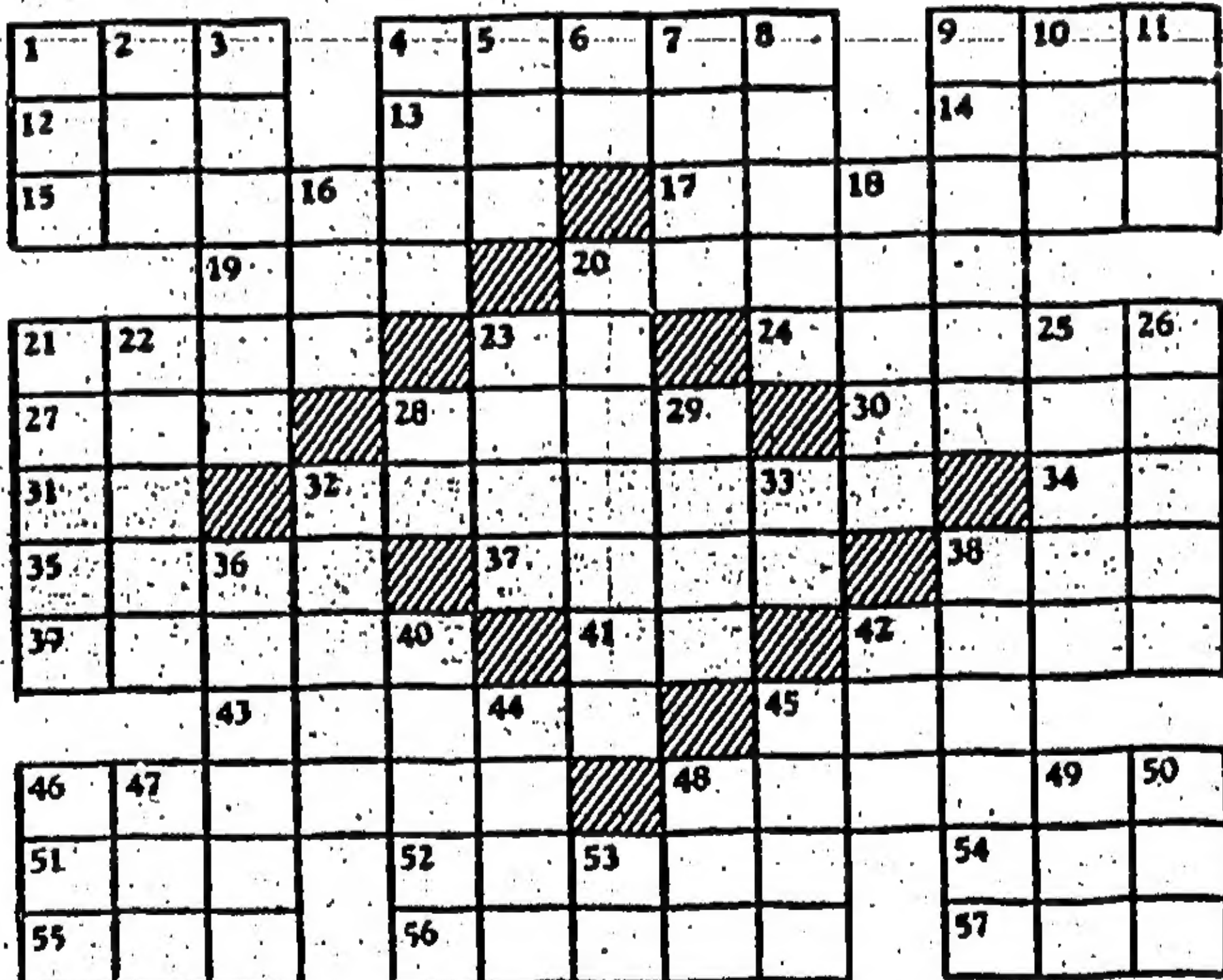


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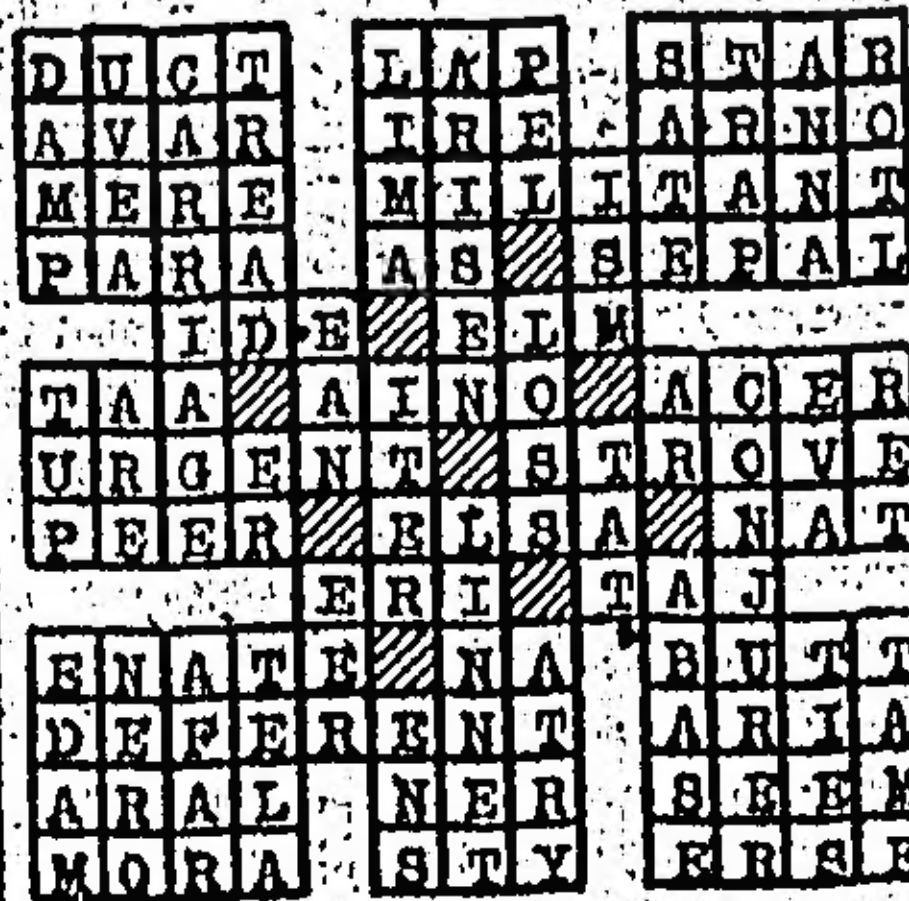
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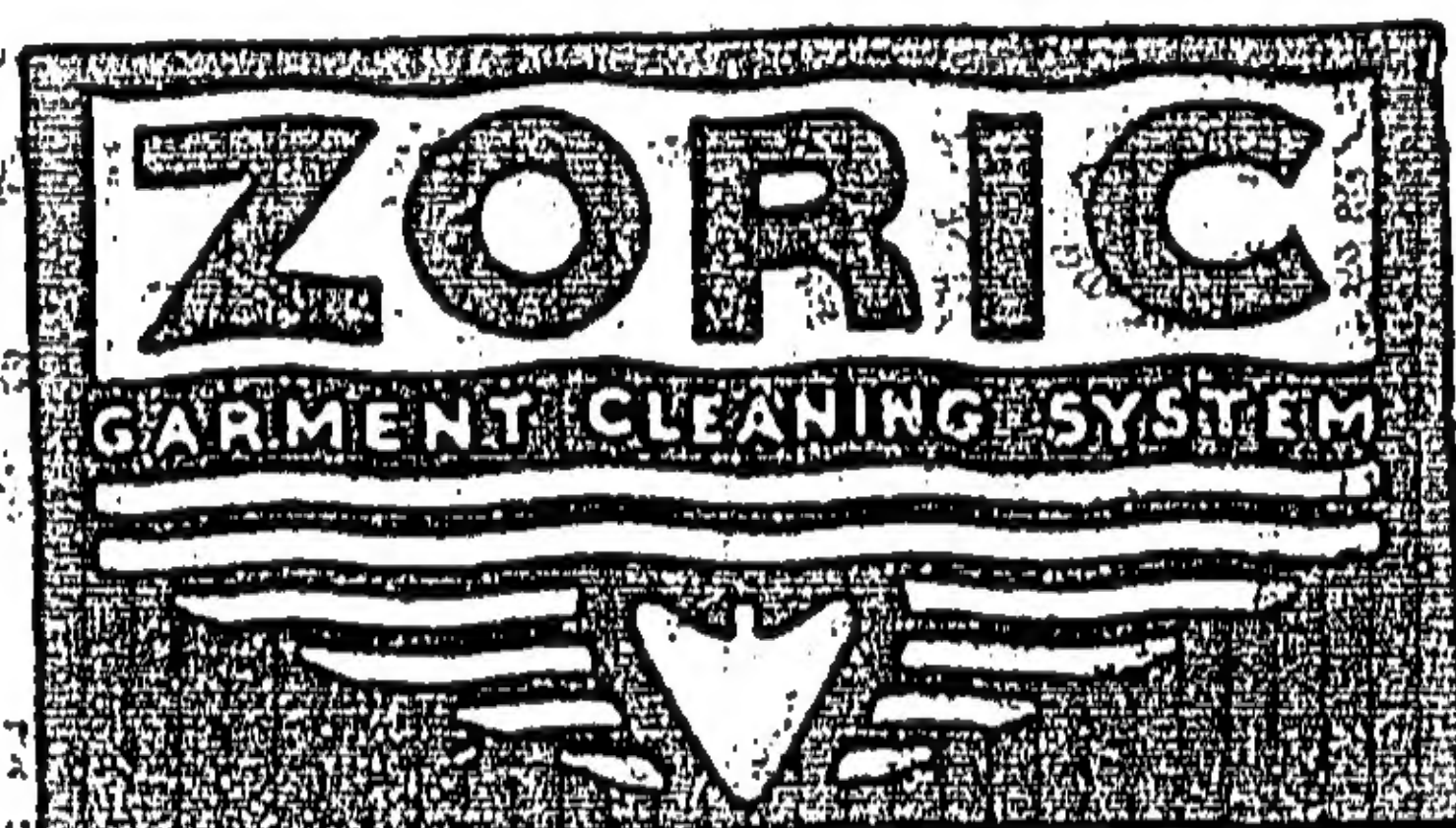
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MORE BRILLIANT SUCCESS BY THE R.A.F.—
Over 180 enemy raiders were shot down on August 16. One
of them which crashed damaged three houses but no one was
hurt in the houses. Photo shows all that was left of the bom-
ber. (Copyright, Fox).

SCIENTISTS OUT TO BEAT THE NIGHT BOMBER

BRITAIN'S BEST scientific brains are
still concentrating on the task of beating the
night bomber, Reuter's air correspondent
learned in London yesterday.

While their labours are still in the experi-
mental stage, the practical application of im-
provements to defence measures already
made justify the hope that the Air Minister's
recent prophesy will be fulfilled before very
long.

Sir Archibald Sinclair affirmed
last week that the problem was
not insoluble and added he con-
templated the time when night
bombing would cease to be at-
tractive to Goering.

Scientists are studying the
problem from many aspects,
while the realm of new inven-
tion is also being searchingly
investigated, although no en-
tirely new weapon has emerged.
Nevertheless, in the protection
of London—of its vital military
targets if not yet of its civilian
population—there have been en-
couraging signs of the fruitfulness
of this study and its application
since the Luftwaffe concentrated
its main effort on night attacks
on London.

Box Barrage

The "box" barrage of anti-air-
craft fire, based on a new method
of prediction, was the first of the
new night phenomena.

Since then, while there has
been little diminution in the
fierceness of the barrage, more
fighters have operated.

Most of the balloons have
retreated at heights they have
maintained all along; search-
lights seemed to observers to be
"erratic," in force one night and
mostly off the next.

Those responsible for the de-
fence of London are gratified
with the marked effect these fac-
tors have had on Nazi night op-
erations.

Weather conditions naturally
largely determine the efficacy of
each aspect of night defence or

any combination of them employ-
ed, but the energy and ingenuity
displayed with each weather
change has, at least resulted, in
mystifying Goering's night flyers.

All Weathers

It would be a mistake if Brit-
tain were to concentrate on find-
ing a solution which applied only
in certain conditions.

With the approach of winter,
rain and fog alone are not expect-
ed to deter the enemy in his evi-
dent determination to maintain,
and possibly increase, the scale of
night attacks, though some miti-
gation may be expected as a re-
sult of ice formation on wings
and controls which brings air-
craft to a dangerously low opera-
tional height.—Reuter.

ELEVEN GERMAN 'PLANES' DOWNED

In a communique on yesterday's
air attack on Britain the Air Min-
istry stated eleven enemy aircraft
are known to have been destroyed.
Eleven R.A.F. fighters have
been lost but the pilots of seven
are safe.—British Wireless.

GERMAN FIGURES OF BOMBINGS

The official German news
agency stated yesterday that since
August 10 German raiders have
dropped 22,322 tons of explosives
on "military objectives" in Bri-
tain.—Reuter.

SO NOW WE KNOW!

"Germany controls
the Channel, and
nothing Britain can
do will change this,"
the German radio an-
nouncer boasted in a
broadcast in English,
says Reuter.

PROBLEM OF NIGHT SHELTERS

The indiscriminate
bombing of London's civil-
ian population has raised
in acute form the problem
of night shelters and Gov-
ernment's policy on this
question was referred to
yesterday by the Parlia-
mentary Secretary to the
Ministry of Home Securi-
ty.

Current programme shelter pro-
duction was being accelerated, he
said, and there was no shortage
of labour for rapid building.

Other schemes outlined in-
cluded a substantial increase in shel-
ters available for the whole of
every day and the opening of
basements where these were
strong enough would be applied
to blocks of flats and unoccupied
and possibly occupied houses.

He also said shelters would be
provided with bunks, double,
triple and banked, so they
could be used as dormitories,
and a million of these bunks
would be made at once.

First aid posts were being es-
tablished in large shelters.
Speaking of the Tube stations,
many of which had already been
used by the public as night shel-
ters, he said this had now been re-
cognised and there now were ar-
rangements being made to pro-
vide supervision and adequate
sanitary arrangements.—British
Wireless.

HURRICANE PILOT'S RESOURCE

IT WAS REVEALED YESTER-
DAY THAT A HURRICANE
PILOT REFUSED TO BALE OUT
OF HIS MACHINE BECAUSE
IT WOULD THEN HAVE
CRASHED INTO A ROW OF
HOUSES.

Londoners saw the plane glid-
ing overhead and side-slipping
violently. Smoke was pouring
from the engine.

The pilot prepared to bale out
but, seeing that he was over a
thickly populated district, deter-
mined to make for open country
if he could.

He switched off his engine
and by means of violent side-
slips prevented the flames from
spreading to vital parts of his
machine. He landed success-
fully in a field.

On the way down, he was fol-
lowed by his Squadron Leader,
who kept off three Messerschmitts
that were waiting to finish the
wounded plane off.—Reuter.

CAT BURGLAR CAUGHT

Chan Wo, 31, and Fun Yau-
ping, 28, were charged before Mr.
G. T. Lowry this morning, with
loitering and burglary at No. 8,
Shing Wong Street, first floor.

Det. Sergeant J. R. Sykes said
Chan was seen climbing from the
first floor verandah of No. 8, Shing
Wong Street, and Fun was stand-
ing below in the street. They ad-
mitted that they stole \$35 in
money and two boxes of moon-
cakes from the premises on Sep-
tember 17.

Chan, who had previous con-
victions, was sentenced to four
months' hard labour, and Fun to
two months' hard labour.

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THE PRICE OF NAZISM

Nazi Germany claims to have done great things for the German people, irrespective of the conquests which are written for the moment on the map of Europe. In "Heil Hunger!" an English translation of a little book written by Dr. Martin Gumpert, now a refugee in the United States, the claim is examined in the light of statistics which have been carefully extracted from scientific and official publications issued in Germany itself. It is "hunger" in the larger sense that they show, a general lowering of vital capacity which in no way supports the Nazi claim that so much has been done for the German youth and the German family. Comparing 1923, as the worst year of economic misery for Germany, with 1937, marriages, births, and excess of births over deaths all show a decrease (2.9 per thousand in the case of births). Summarising his conclusions, Dr. Gumpert writes:

Here are the positive achievements of six years of Nazi rule: an increased death-rate, a falling birth-rate, a declining fecundity, an increase in rickets, the physical incapacity of the youth, 90 per cent. flat feet, a growing criminality, an increase in drunkenness, a doubling of mental diseases, an increase in venereal diseases, a rise in tuberculosis for man and beast, an increase in epidemics, puerperal fever, an increasing mortality rate in the hospitals . . . a decline in working capacity, new occupational diseases.

It is a charge supported and argued in detail from figures that escaped censoring because no doubt the Nazis were so busy planning their war effort that they overlooked the possibility of someone tracking such statistics down in their official recesses. It would be sheerest folly for us to draw from any of this signs of a German collapse in the field. But that the German people are healthier, happier, or better fitted for prolonged resistance as a result of the Nazi drive for war appears to be a legend which only Dr. Goebbels could embrace.



The Choices

Great Britain is in a difficult position. The economic system which grew up here in England in the so-called Industrial Revolution between 1760 and 1840, and which had as its motto the words "laissez-faire," having spread all over the world, is now dying or dead. No nation wishes to maintain it except ourselves and the Americans. The rest of the world has sought an escape from it in some form of totalitarianism, Fascist, Communist, or Nazi. Two things in England have helped to keep it in being. One is our greater wealth, and the other is that its cracks have been caulked and its blemishes partly concealed by Government interference and municipal Socialism. It has been falsely identified with democracy, but it is just the working of democratic government that has allowed the application of these semi-Socialist palliatives, which are really opposed to its very essence. It was, of course, not due to any deep-seated selfishness that the men of the old laissez-faire school opposed Government regulation of hours and conditions of working. Such things were and are opposed to the fundamental doctrines of that faith, and men who believed in it, even if as noble and unselfish as John Bright, were constrained to resist them. But after

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this war, whatever happens, we shall not be for many generations the wealthy nation we were. Industrialism as we have known it for two centuries will have to go.

But what is the alternative? What have we to put in its place? There are, of course, men who think that when peace comes we shall be able to settle back into our old ways. They are wrong. Unless we have something better to offer to our people and to the world, we may have won the fight, but we shall have lost all that we fought for. Democracy, linked to a decrepit and paralysed industrialism, will go down before Fascism or Communism. And it does not matter which, for at root they are indistinguishable.

What, then, have we to offer in its place? A truly Christian social order is, I am sure, the only alternative. I have no desire for anything like the formation of a "Christian" still less of a "Church" party in politics. After Waterloo there was the Holy Alliance, by which the sovereigns of Russia, Austria, and Prussia bound themselves to "govern their subjects as parents; to maintain religion, peace, and justice; to consider themselves but as members of one and the same Christian family commissioned by Providence to govern the branches of one family." But the outcome was a period of black reaction in every sphere of life. Nor is the history of so-called "clerical" parties on the Continent encouraging. As a thoughtful working man said to me recently, "We want Christian politicians, but we do not want a Christian political party." What, I ask again, is the alternative? Of one thing I am certain. God's purpose and aim in creation are the production of noble character. No social order, therefore, which is not based on the goodness of the individual will stand. How can we work to secure that that shall be one of the results of the war?

with ghostly music and many beastly "incivilities" the house of his enemy.

There have been worse offences, but Mr. Procter's choice of the word "incivilities" is frequently apt. Once gone, too, the thing never in any case returns. This, alas! cannot be said of the up-to-date air raid. No doubt it was uncommonly annoying for the people who swelled up and were pinched and heard drums and saw their ewers fly across the room. But they lived in a happier year than ours. When such things happen now one has to send for the ambulance, the fire engine, and the hearse instead of calling in the Society for Psychical Research. If suffer we must, let the world have more visitation of the "geist" and less of the German.

Things That Go Bump

There are hard times for ghosts, certainly for those of the Poltergeist kind, whose special office is to rap, rattle, shift the furniture, and generally make things go bump in the night. (The more assiduous Poltergeists will keep it up in daytime too — and that for years). There are now at large on earth and sea and in the sky countless human and mechanical agents which are capable of doing this job so much more thoroughly than the spirits are drastically put in the shade. The spook who makes means and weird music in the air must play second or even twenty-second fiddle to the shrieking bomb which follows the monitory siren.

Accordingly one may feel sorry for Mr. Sacheverell Sitwell, whose book on Poltergeists has just appeared, with its witches and warlocks considerably out-distanced by the diabolism of modern war. He has documented and examined a series of the best-known cases of this kind of hunting, and his book echoes abundantly with rappings and tappings on the bedstead and with the heavy tread of spectral but well-shod feet upstairs. Through his pages pots and pans go hurtling under goblin pressure as once they executed their curious parabolas through the nurseries of persecuted children and the kitchens of terrified wives and maids. But there is at least this to be said for the Poltergeist: his antics are very odd and they may certainly frighten the soul; but they rarely, if ever, do material harm.

In case after case people are struck by heavy, solid objects which have suddenly acquired a miraculous gift of flight, but these objects when they touch the human body become as light as a lock of lamb's wool. The performance often starts, it seems, with pebbles on the roof or the apparent sound thereof.

Furthermore, the Poltergeist has incendiary powers, drops lighted matches, and even commits sub-

stantial acts of arson. On the whole, he, she, or it may be said to behave like a tiny air raid, and we who live in a period of air raids not so tiny may pardonably dismiss the Poltergeist as the small beer of nocturnal persecution and domestic upheaval. Our flesh-and-blood Homo Normalis of 1940 can teach any ghost a thing or two about bumps in the night. Those of us who survive this war are not going to be greatly alarmed by a waiting wardrobe or a series of unpleasant noises round about and up aloft. We have had all that and rather more.

By
IVOR BROWN

The Poltergeist stories are authenticated with testimony of various value, but there is far too much evidence of queer goings-on to dismiss them altogether as the hallucinations of people who are naturally victims of what we nowadays call the jitters, the willicies, or the heeby jeebies.

Some of these experienced might be attributed by the sceptical to acute alcoholism coupled with violent indigestion, and doubtless the state of the liver must be taken into account when assessing the evidence of spectral manifestations. But the attestors to the Poltergeist stories collected by Mr. Sitwell are often most solid and sober creatures, like the Quaker Mr. Edmund Procter, a strict teetotaler, who in 1892 described "the gibberings, the preposterous incivilities, and the unwholesome uproar" created by spooks "for ten unforgettable years" in his family home of Willington Mill on Tyneside. Mr. Procter sensibly pointed out that "such questionable intimations of immortality" will hardly reconcile

us to happy forecasts of the life to come, but he countered this dismal reflection with the hope that, while the debased and unhappy spirits are thus tumultuously earth-bound, the purer and nobler have a tranquil existence none the less real, if more remote.

At any rate it would be absurd to deny different qualities and powers of spirit, as of mind, to different individuals or to say absolutely that things usually called magical have never been performed by the kind of human being deemed to be possessed. It is not impossible that certain folk in an abnormal state of passion or hysterical excitement can so transmit their fiery thoughts and longings as to acquire some unusual power over material objects. If such strange things happen frequently in the East, why not sometimes in the West?

Many of the Poltergeists' "incivilities," to use Mr. Procter's charming and most civil word for their persecutions, may be discovered to be trickery, but they may also be the tricks of one who, finding himself or herself strangely empowered at first, then feels the "fluence" weaken and resorts in angry despair to deceit in order to keep up the reputation for strange mastery of magic. That, Mr. Sitwell suggests, was what happened to Emma Davies, of Wem, in Shropshire, whose boots, said amazed spectators, kept flying off, while crockery leapt from cupboards and flew slantwise. All the phenomena in her case cannot be accounted for by trickery; later on, finding herself the object of attention but failing in her magic, she took to conjuring.

Very often there seems to be some sexual basis for the activities of the Poltergeist. The hysteria of the over-emotional, fiercely jealous type is mixed with longing for revenge. The age of puberty and soon-after is most commonly "Poltergeistic." But the famous Drummer of Tedworth, the famous Drummer of Tedworth, was surely concerned with property and the pride of an artist. Deprived of his instrument



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Invasion Ports Given No Respite

AN AIR MINISTRY communique says all our aircraft returned safely from widespread successful operations in Germany, Holland, Belgium and France on Sunday night and early Monday morning.

An important aluminium works at Laut, north-east of Dresden, was bombed and fires started.

Railways in this neighbourhood were attacked at several points and near Dresden hits were scored on a supply train.

Strong bomber forces also attacked docks, harbours and shipping at Flushing, Antwerp, Dunkirk, Ostend, Zeebrugge, Calais, Le Havre, Harfleur and Brest. — Reuter.

AIR RAID ALARM IN BERLIN

After a week's respite there was an air raid alarm in Berlin on Sunday lasting from 11.55 p.m. until 2.15 a.m., according to the Berlin correspondent of the Stockholm "Dagens Nyheter."

A.R.P. control, says the correspondent, was more severe than usual and soldiers repeatedly inspected buildings, compelling everybody to remain therein and to seek cover in shelters.

The correspondent of the Stockholm "Aftonbladet" states sirens drove millions to shelters.

This Swedish correspondent says that although no bombs were dropped in Berlin itself other German towns were bombed during the night. — Reuter.

Raids On Nazi Oil Refineries

Some details of raids by the R.A.F. on Nazi oil refineries were revealed by authoritative London quarters yesterday.

As early as the end of August repeated attacks had been delivered on all important oil refineries in north-west and west Germany which account for the bulk of the total German refinery capacity and the largest of which possess storage installations which together form an important proportion of Germany's total storage capacity.

According to expert calculation these attacks, in addition to reducing the production of lubricating oil, have resulted in the destruction of a quantity of finished stocks.

As for synthetic oil, one million tons out of a total capacity of two and a half million tons is located in western Germany and has been heavily attacked during recent months, while a further one and a quarter million tons capacity, including famous hydrogenation works in the Magdeburg-Leipzig area, are being included in the R.A.F.'s early autumn programme. — British Wireless.

JAPANESE PRESS ALL WORKED UP

THE JAPANESE PRESS IS SHOWING ALL SIGNS OF WORKING ITSELF INTO A NEW ANTI-BRITISH FURY—AS THE RESULT OF THE DETENTION OF JAPANESE SUBJECTS IN SINGAPORE.

The newspapers claim one of the arrested men is an employee of the Japanese consulate-general staff and declare the Singapore police entered the consulate premises and demanded the handing over of confidential documents.

Such action is unanimously characterised as a "breach of international usage and a grave insult to Japan," and it is semi-officially hinted that Japan will lodge a strong protest. — Reuter.

VICHY SEES MORE DEFECTION

A VICHY GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN YESTERDAY MADE A STATEMENT ABOUT THE GROWING SUPPORT FOR GENERAL DE GAULLE IN FRENCH AFRICA.

He said that probably Dahomey and mandated Togoland would both side with General de Gaulle. Recruiting has now begun in both New Caledonia and French India.

Many Frenchmen in New Caledonia are reported to be eager to join the Australian forces and in Pondicherry a committee has been formed to recruit volunteers for Free France and to raise funds on its behalf. — Reuter.

Enrolment In New Caledonia

The enrolment of Frenchmen in New Caledonia to fight with the Allied forces is expected to begin this week.

It is reported many are keen to join up with the Australians. Noumea, the capital, is decorated with General de Gaulle's flag and soldiers are driving about in cars shouting "Vive de Gaulle."

In a wireless talk M. Sautot, the new Governor, said: "Britain may count on every help from New Caledonia in her glorious fight for victory." — Reuter.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that a weak anticyclone covers north Japan and the Pacific to the eastward; depressions lie over Indo-China and the Eastern Sea. The typhoon is probably moving west-north-westward between Yap and Guam.

LONDON'S CIVIL DEFENCES PROVE EFFICIENCY

THE PRACTICAL experience of the past few weeks has demonstrated the fundamental soundness of London's civil defence organisation and the excellent spirit of its members, states the London County Council Defence Committee in a report to the Council yesterday.

The greatest demands have been made on the fire service and both the regular and auxiliary services have worked with the utmost energy at whatever tasks had arisen.

Average time taken by ambulances to reach the scene of incidents, notwithstanding the blackout, was only seven minutes from receipt of call.

Practical experience and particularly the prolonged absence from home enforced on large numbers of people by unexploded bombs has shown the need for expanding the conception of emergency rest and feeding centres.

Strict limitations formerly placed on the extent to which the Council might provide food and bedding for homeless have now been removed and beds, mattresses and meals are now available at the centres. — Reuter.

SECRET U.S. LORRY

The existence of a secret giant military lorry, capable of carrying two 6in guns, was revealed at Los Angeles, California, when a fire of suspicious origin broke out at the place where the lorry had been undergoing tests by army engineers for four months.

According to a spokesman of the manufacturing company, the lorry, which was undamaged, is powered by a marine Diesel engine and is capable of a speed of 65 m.p.h. It is driven by 12 rear wheels, and can carry a 90-ton load.

MEDICAL PAPERS

Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, Director of Medical Services, will be in the chair at the meeting of the Hong Kong Branch of the China and British Medical Association to be held at Queen Mary Hospital at 9.15 p.m. to-morrow.

Two papers will be read by Professor K. K. Digby on "The Twelfth Rib Incision in Kidney Operation" and on "An aid to Ventriculography."

Dr. T. K. Lien will read a paper on "Treatment of Burns," which will be illustrated with clinical cases.

All members of the Medical profession are welcome.

CIVIL AVIATION COMBINE IN JAPAN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

In the interests of national defence the Japanese Cabinet has approved the amalgamation into a single vast organisation of all civil aviation groups, according to Tokyo press reports to-day. — Havas.

SHIPBUILDING ON THE TYNE

A recent article entitled "Trade of the Tyne" appearing in the authoritative shipping journal "Lloyd's Daily List," is an interesting commentary on the activities of British shipyards.

"Shipbuilding on the river," it states, "continues in full production and it may be said that output so far this year exceeds that for the full 12 months in some recent years. Yards on the river are engaged on not only one of the largest naval programmes undertaken but also on an imposing programme of merchant ship building." — British Wireless.

SOVIET'S FRIENDSHIP ON TERMS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

It was learned from official sources in Washington yesterday that Russia has asked the United States for far-reaching and valuable economic and political favours as a basis for the establishment of closer and more cordial relations.

Closely guarded conversations have been progressing intermittently for two months between the Russian Ambassador, M. Constantin Oumansky, and State Department officials, including Mr. Cordell Hull.

Mr. Hull, however, is represented as feeling that the request is unreasonable.

Mr. Harold Ickes (Secretary for Interior) and Mr. Henry Morgenthau (Secretary of Treasury), on the other hand, are said to believe the United States can afford to give Russia substantial benefits in return for invigorated Russian-American trade and possible political cooperation in the Far East.

Oil Tankers

It is reported that M. Oumansky has asked, among other things, the sale of large quantities of machine-tools to Russia, the sale or lease of a fleet of oil tankers, the despatch of American technicians to Russia to supervise the construction of plants to manufacture aviation gasoline, and preferential treatment from immigration officials and the Department of Justice for Russian citizens in the United States.

MACHINE FENCING SUMMONS

Summonses against the Lau Kee Engineering Company, of Kweilin Street, Shamshui-po, for failure to fence five machines were heard before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen this morning.

The machines were a large lathe, a shaping machine, a carburettor wheel, a big drill and a gear-cutting machine, and the prosecution was conducted by Mr. D. W. Phillips, of the Inspectorate of Factories, assisted by Assistant Inspector E. C. Drown.

Mr. B. C. Hobbs pleaded not guilty on the ground that the fencing was unnecessary according to the specifications of the manufacturers.

Inspector Drown said he visited the factory on several occasions and his warnings were ignored.

Mr. T. H. G. Brayfield, giving evidence as an expert, said that in his opinion the machines, though not fenced, were not dangerous.

Mr. Hobbs also pointed out that his client had over 20 machines. He had no idea which five were expected to be fenced.

Mr. Macfadyen, giving his decision, said he was satisfied that all the machines were reasonably safe except the large lathe. He imposed a fine of \$50 in respect of this machine.

Mr. Phillips indicated that he would have to consider an appeal against the decision.

KIDNAPPED TO BE BANISHED!

"I kidnapped the child because I wanted the police to 'banish me,' was the explanation given by Chan Chuen, 35, a married woman, charged with kidnapping a 4-year-old boy on Sunday from No. 909, Canton Road.

She was sentenced to six months' hard labour. Det.-Sgt. Pope said that accused and the boy's parents lived in the same flat.

ANTI-T.B. WORK IN KOWLOON

The report of the Kowloon City Chinese Public Dispensary Anti-Tuberculosis Clinic covering the month of August, reveals several interesting facts.

The Clinic, which is conducted by the Convent of the Maryknoll Sisters, under the auspices of the Hong Kong Anti-Tuberculosis Association, was attended by 58 new patients and 244 others who returned for further advice. The total number of patients in attendance since the opening of the Clinic on April 25 is 322. Two deaths are reported.

Of the 58 new patients examined, diagnoses revealed: Clinical Tuberculosis, 2; Suspected Tuberculosis, 11; Known contacts, 5; and Non-Tubercular (Clinically) 38. The sex distribution was, male 20; female 38, and of the number of new patients examined 46 were adults and 10 were children.

The patients came from the following districts: Kowloon City (28), Shamshui-po (5), Yau-mati (8), Hakka Village (3), Mongkok (4), Kowloon (2), Little Kowloon (1), Hong Kong (2), Cheung Sha Wan (2), Hunghom (2) and Sha-tin (1).

During house visiting 450 half-pints of soya bean milk (provided by the Hong Kong Soya Bean Milk Company) were distributed. Most patients show an appreciable increase in weight after taking the milk and cod liver oil substitute.

The report concludes with a description of some of the homes visited. The cubicles, as a group, were stated to be dark, poorly ventilated and overcrowded. In one of these a family of four slept on one bed board.

The earnings of patients varied from \$2 to 10 cents per day. Long hours and heavy work are almost universal.

GOALLESS DRAW

Brighton and Southampton played a scoreless draw in a football match at Brighton yesterday. —Reuter.

DOCUMENTS IN TAXI

Important papers relating to Polish officers which had been reported lost were recovered late at night by Scotland Yard. They had been left in a taxicab in the West End.

DRAMATIC RESCUE OF NAZI PILOT

Hundreds of people on the sea front at Folkestone yesterday morning watched the exciting rescue of a wounded German airman by a British officer.

When a Messerschmidt 109 was shot down in the sea the wounded pilot freed himself from the cockpit and rose to the surface among bubbles left by the machine.

A British officer on the breakwater quickly stripped off his jacket, dived into the sea and swam 300 yards to where the German was struggling to keep afloat.

He took a life-saving hold of the pilot and swam back to the breakwater where it was found the German had a fractured ankle and bullet wounds. —Reuter.

BOMBER SAVED BY GUNNER

The first awards for gallantry to the personnel of the R.A.F. in the Middle East since the outbreak of war with Italy have been announced in Cairo. They were the D.F.C. to Flt-Lt. George Burges, and the D.F.M. to A/C. L. Meadows.

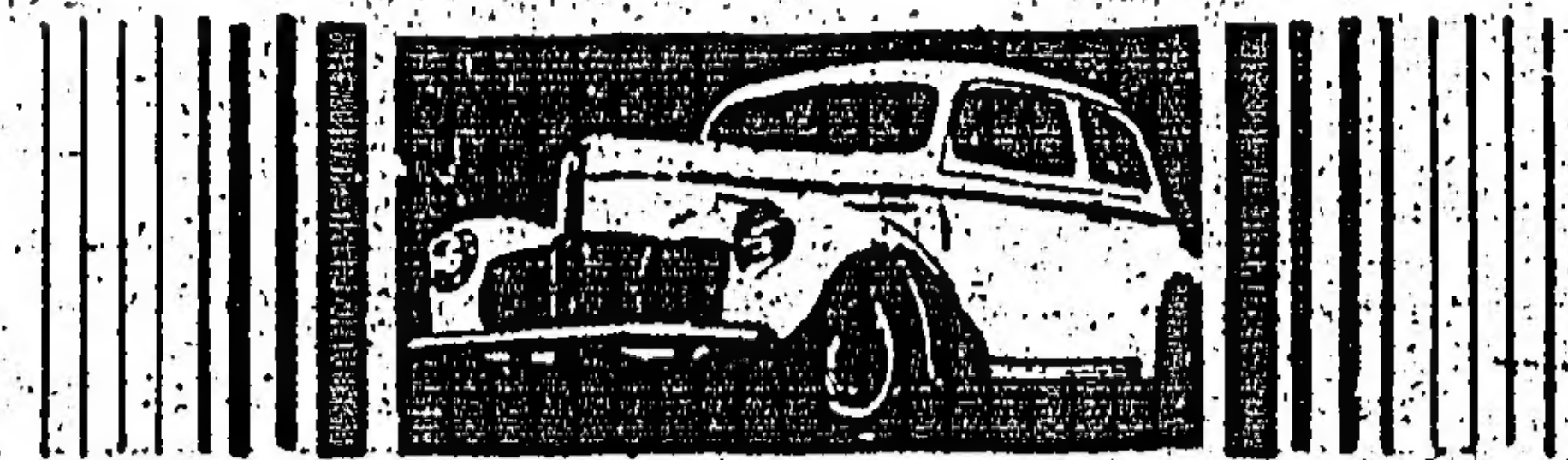
Flt-Lt. Burges, trained as a flying-boat pilot, volunteered as an additional fighter pilot in the defence of Malta, and acted with great tenacity in seeking combat, usually in the face of superior numbers. He has shot down three aircraft in flames and damaged three more so badly that they probably failed to reach their base.

A/C. Meadows was a gunner in the raid on Bardia, Libya, where a troop concentration was bombed. When the pilot of his plane was wounded and the observer killed, he applied a tourniquet to the pilot's arm. Then, though untrained as a pilot, he took control of the plane under the officer's instructions and brought it back to the base.

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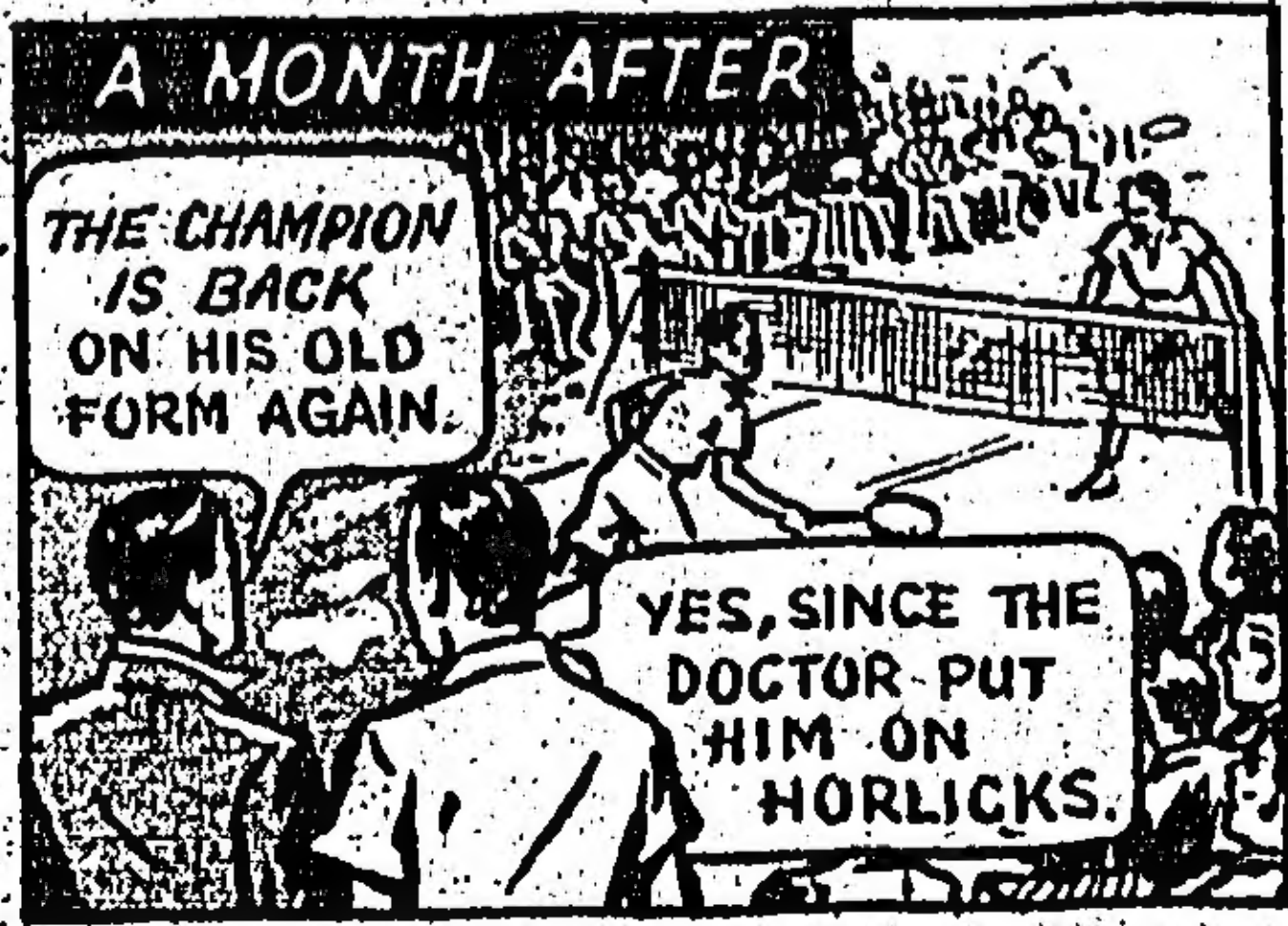
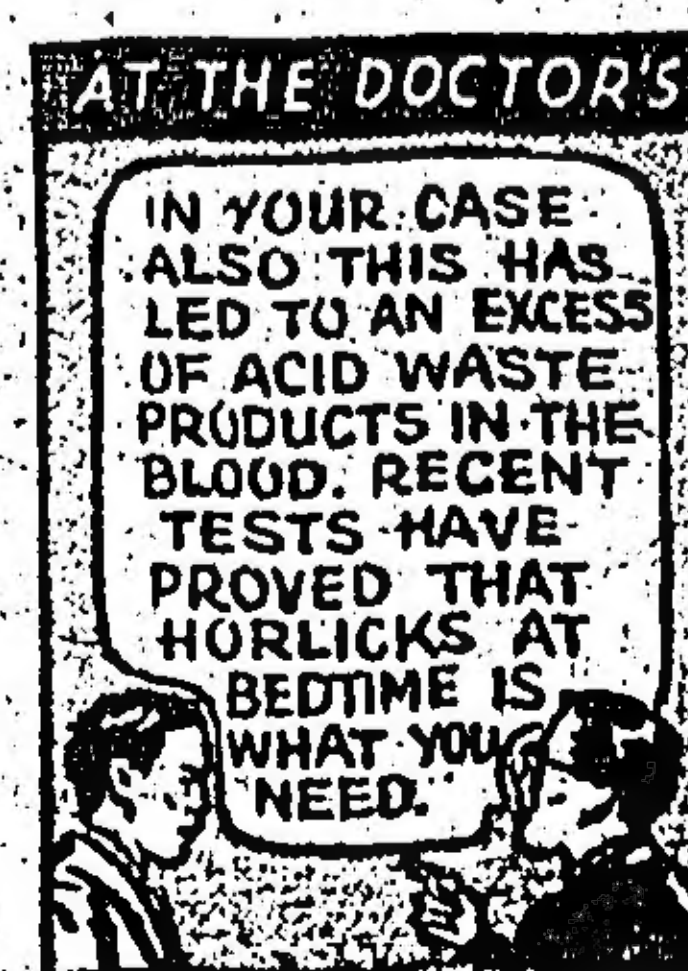
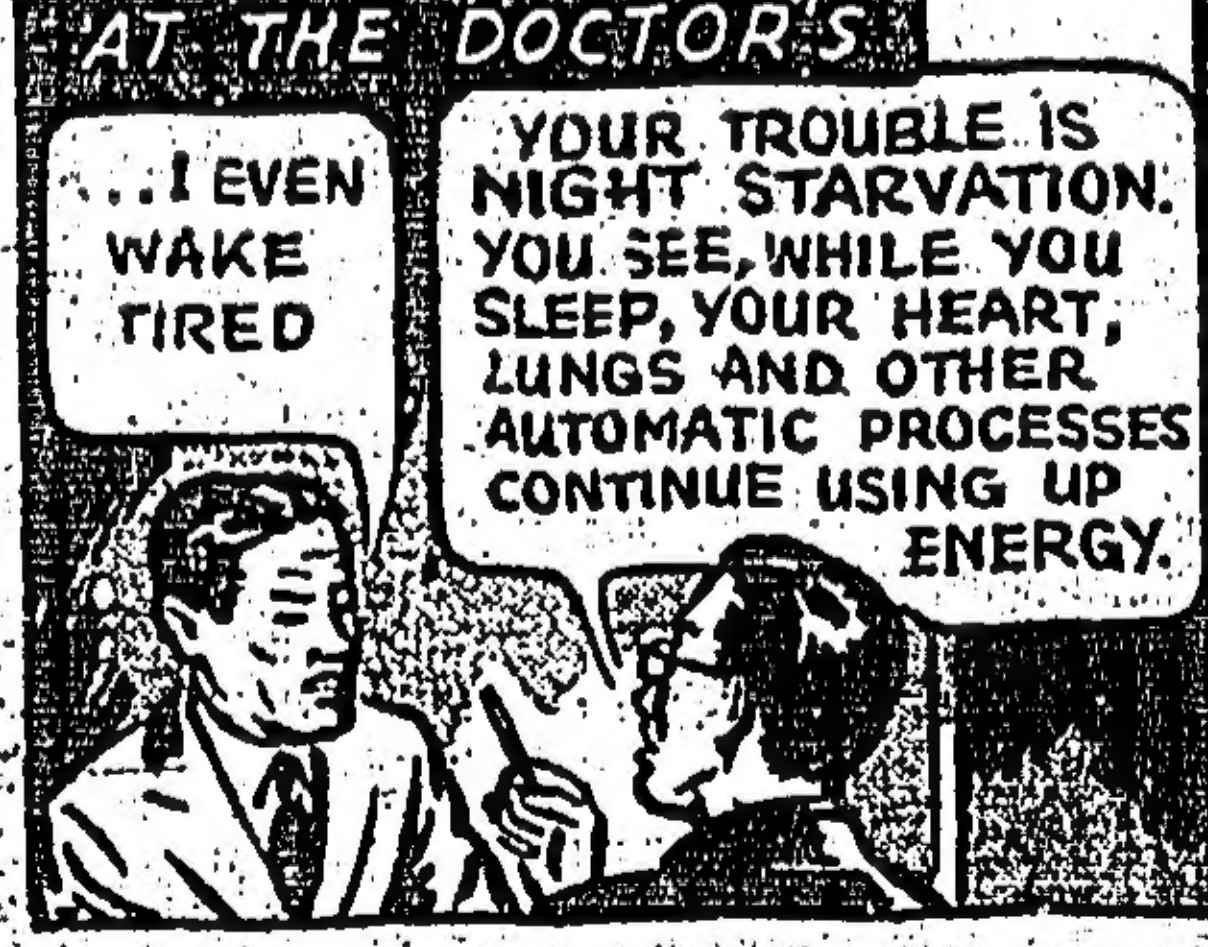
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Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 26th September, 1940.

By Order,
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♥ A Q J 7 3 2
♦ K 4
♣ K 6

♠ —
♥ 8
♦ Q J 10 5
♣ A J 10 9
8 7 3 2

♠ J 9 6 3 2
♥ 6
♦ A 6 3 2
♣ Q 5 4

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♥	Pass	1♠	4♣
2♥	Dbl.	Pass	Pass
3♥	Dbl.	Pass	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

A club lead would have defeated the contract, but West opened the Queen of diamonds. South

won with the diamond Ace, cashed the heart Ace and continued with the Queen of hearts. East covered and South ruffed; and of course West's failure to overruff told the whole story about the trump

and heart suits. At the fourth trick South led a diamond to dummy's King and discarded a club on the heart Jack. A low heart was then ruffed, and a low diamond ruffed with one of dummy's low trumps. And when East followed with a diamond, the contract was as good as home.

South ruffed another heart and returned a diamond for dummy to ruff with the trump Ace! The last heart was then led from the dummy and East could not prevent South from winning his tenth trick with the Jack of trumps.

Yesterday you were Merwin Maier's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ J 10 3 2
♥ 9 5
♦ 6 5
♣ A Q 10 7 4

The bidding:

Maier	Schechter	Yon	Burnstone
1♠	Pass	(?)	

ANSWER: Bid two clubs. The hand is too strong for a simple raise but not strong enough for a double raise. The temporising bid is therefore best.

Score 100% for two clubs, 60% for two spades, 10% for three spades or four spades.

QUESTION NO. 523

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ K Q 10 5 3
♥ 8
♦ 7
♣ A Q J 9 8 3

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"I am entitled to take into consideration the way in which he betrayed his friend's kindness," said Mr. Justice Bucknill, in the Divorce Court when he assessed damages against a co-respondent at £350.

The damages were awarded to Mr. Albert Victor Wood, a London school-master, who was also granted a decree nisi, with costs, because of the adultery of his wife, Mabel Constance, with Mr. Owen Lomner Miller, an artist. The petition was undefended.

AFTER-WAR POLICY

Sir Frederick Phillips, Under-Secretary to the British Treasury, who conferred with President Roosevelt, and Mr. Morgenthau, Secretary of the United States Treasury, declared that Britain intends to return to liberal trade and monetary policies as soon as possible after hostilities cease. The registration of sterling accounts, he said, should stabilise the sterling rate and help to protect the United States market. Sir Frederick will visit Canada before returning home.



Dieting Dot says the penalty in attempting to keep slim is facing plain food when everyone else is tackling an elaborate meal.

STRICT FOREIGN OFFICE GUARD

Mr. Eden, War Minister, was one of the first visitors to be subjected to special scrutiny by the new guard of ex-Scotland Yard detectives formed for security duty at the Foreign Office. He was refused admission to the building till he had filled in a form and produced his credentials.

The ex-detectives provide a day and night armed guard inside the building. Messengers taking important papers to other Government departments will be accompanied by a guard.

NOEL COWARD AT WHITE HOUSE

Mr. Noel Coward saw President Roosevelt at the White House recently. He discussed with him problems of evacuating children to the United States.

Mr. Coward said afterwards that he had suggested to the President that the United States could help Britain by cutting off food shipments to Europe. He added that he would be staying in the United States for three or four months as a "goodwill Ambassador."

MR. EDEN'S PLEDGE

Mr. Eden, Secretary for War, has sent a message to Polish and Czech troops who recently arrived in Britain, saying that Britain was resolved to continue the war "until your beloved mother country has been restored to her own sons and daughters."

RESIDENTS WHO OUGHT TO MOVE

Many residents in the coastal defence zone are uncertain whether or not it is their duty to remain where they are or whether voluntary evacuation is contrary to the wishes of the Government.

The Government considers that people who have no work or business to keep them in the coastal zone and who can make their own arrangements to move should do so. Panic evacuation is strongly deprecated, and in the event of invasion would be prohibited.

The economic plight of these districts is receiving consideration in Whitehall. Regulations to relieve individual hardship are expected shortly, and plans to aid local authorities are being made by the Ministry of Health.

A meeting of M.P.s representing constituencies in defence areas will discuss the problems of evacuation.

NOT DOING HIS STUFF NOW

Pte. George Henry Pettican, 20, of Kingston Hill, Surrey, who wore sergeant's stripes and was stated to have in his possession secret military papers, was remanded in custody at Liverpool. He was accused of being an absentee from his regiment.

It was stated that when a detective asked Pettican if he were a Fascist he replied, "They pinched Mosley, so I am doing my stuff now."



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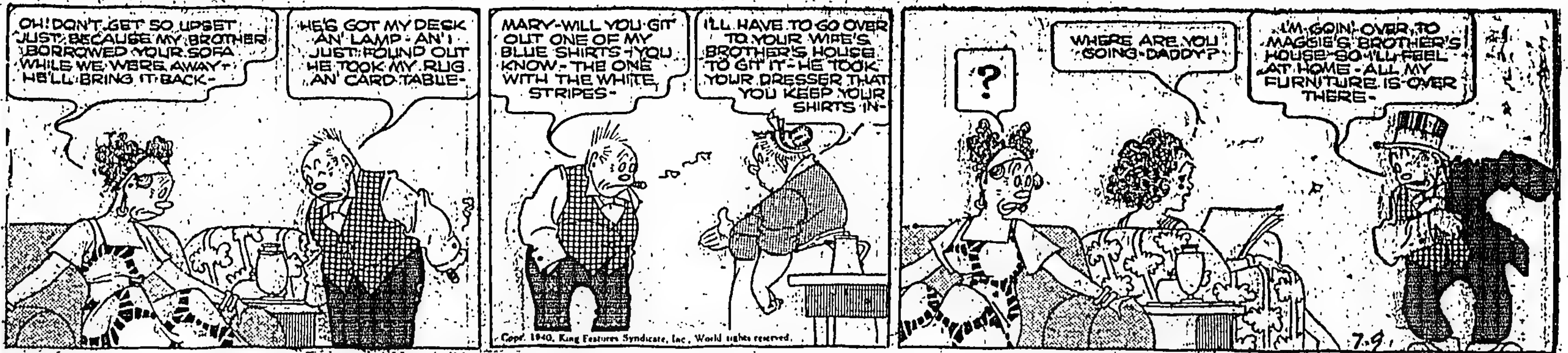
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Bringing Up Father

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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Proper Posture

Good posture is a matter of the mind before that of the body, because before a person can truly do a thing well, he must desire to do it! But if a girl or woman determines to master good posture there isn't the slightest doubt that both her beauty and health will be vastly improved.

Good posture does not become habitual overnight. It takes constant awareness of your carriage, and time, and quite likely some discouragement. If you have been inviting poor posture for many years you cannot expect your spine to react instantly to the new and better dictations you have determined to give it.

First of all you must learn what "standing up straight" actually means. One of the most graphic and simple directions for good posture is given by a leading New York physician and I shall quote his words—

"In the French army the recruits are given a coin to hold between their buttocks. This results in contraction of the very powerful muscles that hold the pelvis to the thighs. This pulls the back of the pelvis down. The abdominal muscles should then be contracted from the bottom up. You should conceive of your belly as a tube of tooth paste which you squeeze from the bottom in an effort to get the last bit of contents pushed up.

"This contraction of the abdominal muscles pulls up the pelvis in front . . . so the spine comes nearer to the horizontal. In consequence the curves of the upper spine straighten out, and it becomes as nearly straight as its anatomical structure will permit. Naturally this results in its lengthening.

"This posture exercise should be practiced before a mirror, so that you may see yourself in the actual process of 'standing tall.' With practice you should be able to increase your height between one and two inches."

Spine Strengthening Exercises Needed

Once you have learned how to stand and walk in good position it is necessary that each day you practice exercise movements which are planned to strengthen the muscles which are attached to it in front and behind. These need not be complicated exercises—but to get the desired benefit from them you should do them regularly and in good rhythm. Jerky movements are not in tune with the rhythm of the body's mechanism.

Every growing girl, and most mature women under 45, will do well to practice them unless they have been cautioned not to exercise. Not only likely is it that your posture will be vastly improved but the organs of your body will be put into correct and harmonious alignment which naturally makes for better health, less strain and greater facial beauty.



The radiant beauty of youth such as Deanna Durbin has, is desired by all women and cherished by all men.

Routine For Busy Woman

We all know it is imperative to cultivate one's mind and body since physical well-being, and mental animation reflect themselves in our faces and contribute to our beauty. And still there must be time to primp our bodies and make ourselves beautiful. The busy woman naturally asks, "Where is the time coming from?" especially if the major portion of her time is devoted to wrestling with a career or with the numerous problems of a fast growing family.

Fortunately beauty care, as such, is becoming more sensible. No longer is it considered necessary to have innumerable preparations on your dressing table for skin care, and hair care, and other personal grooming. You must have some cosmetics, of course, but when you salt your skin problem down to fit in with your active life it is quite possible that three products, well chosen and of good quality, will suffice to keep your particular skin condition under control.

A prominent beautician candidly admits that a busy woman's cosmetic diet may contain only three main requisites—the use of an all-round cream for deep and thorough skin cleansing, a skin-toning to gently brace and firm the tissue without any unpleasant drying, astringent action, and a protective preparation before you apply your make-up. Thus your skin will be cleansed, stimulated enough, and little flaws and defects will be concealed by clever

make-up which will remain fresh looking for hours.

Of course, these three beauty aids should be chosen for your type of skin. Skin types are usually broken down to dry (most prevalent), normal or young skin, and oily. A blemished skin requires special attention which we will not go into today.

To the three types of aids referred to above I would like to add a bland complexion soap and a complexion brush which I consider vital to the care of any skin. Oily skins can stand a scrubbing after a creaming, once each day and it is surprising how blackheads, whiteheads, hard underskin lumps, and other minor ailments disappear with pretty regular use of the scrubbing brush!

Don't Make This Mistake

Women who have not been in the habit of using skin aids right along are inclined to expect magic from a few cosmetics. Another grave mistake they make is in buying too many cosmetics of different brands. Rather choose the three essential ones—all of the same brand—and give your skin at least a month to respond to the prescribed daily treatment. If they fail in their duty then you may and should discard them and search for other aids (and this time more intelligently) which will help you.

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12.30 p.m.—Schubert—Quartet in E. Flat Major... Calvet Quartet.
12.55 p.m.—"Who is Sylvia?" (Schubert)... Master Robert Harris.
1.03 p.m.—Dance Music by Roy Fox's Orchestra.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Variety.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
2.15 p.m.—An Hour of Dance Music.
6.00 p.m.—Musical Comedy Selections.
7.02 p.m.—Musical Comedy Selections.
"Charlotte's Masquerade"—Selection.
"The Love Race" (Clarke)... New Mayfair Orchestra.
Hide and Seek (from "The Fleet's Lit Up")... Adele Dixon and Ralph Reader.
"Hit the Deck"—Vocal Gems... Light Opera Co.
"Rose Marie"—Selection (Friml).
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
8.03 p.m.—Bach—Brandenburg Concerto No. 3 in G Major... Ecole Normale Chamber Orchestra conducted by Alfred Cortot.
8.15 p.m.—Studio—A Piano Recital by Professor Harry Ore.
1. (a) Allegro from Toccata in G... Bach; (b) Variations in F... Mozart; (c) Sonata in A... Scarlatti.
2. Legend: St. Francis Paulus walking on the Waves... Liszt.
3. L'Isle Joyeuse... Debussy.
4. Polonaise in A Flat... Chopin.
8.45 p.m.—Marek Weber's Orchestra.
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and Topical Talks.
9.45 p.m.—Popy—Suite Orientale.
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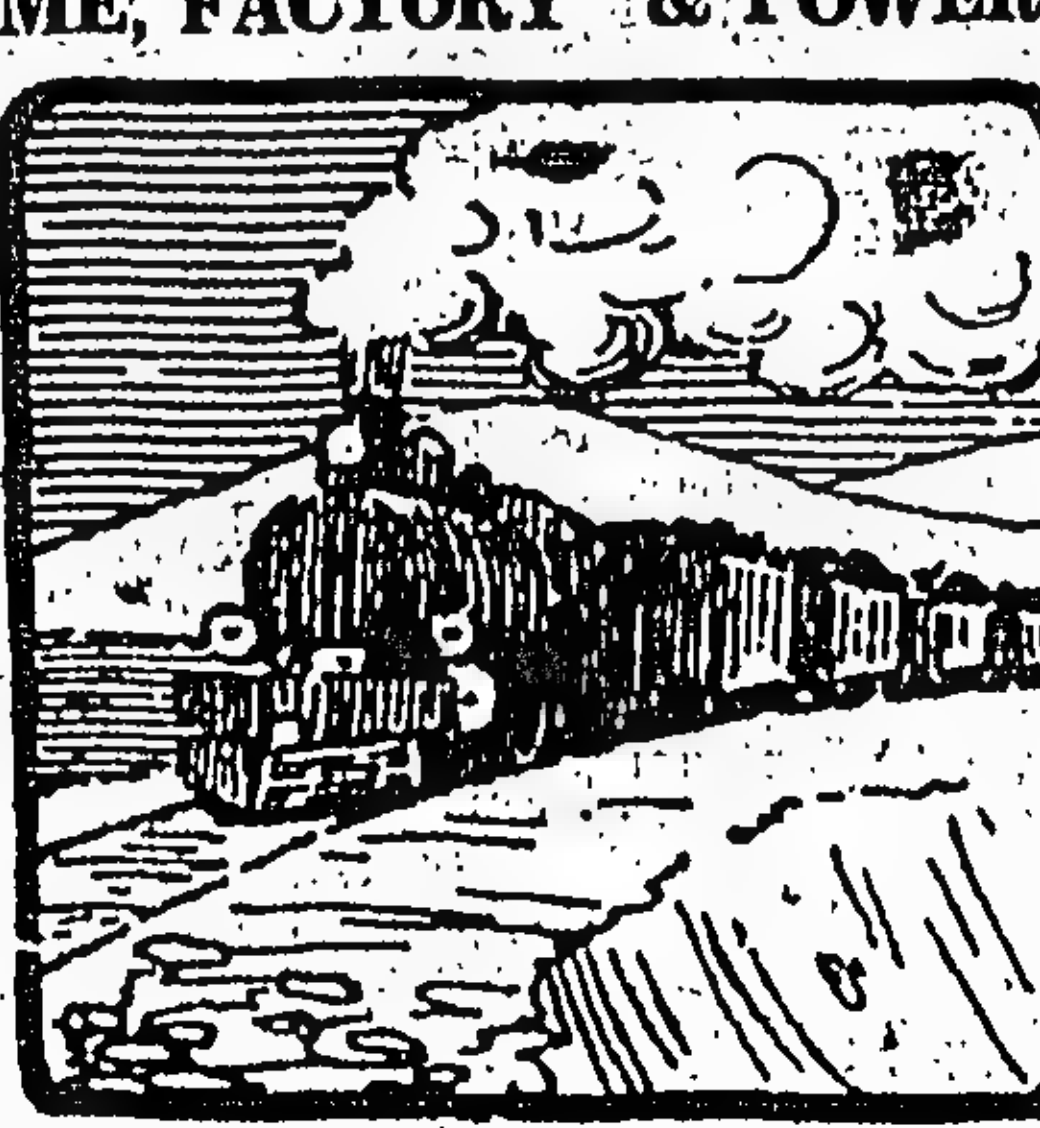
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Another notable export increase was registered in oils, while declines were noted in exports of cereal and flour. Exports of skins were practically unchanged compared with July. — Havas.

CHEER-O CONCERT

Judging from the list of artists who are to appear at the Cheero Club on Friday evening, the entertainment promises to be one of unusual merit.

Here are their names: — Miss Irene Arteuh, Norman Binning, "Bob" Bonney, Cyril Brown, Jack Fountain, "Les" Gibson, John Gilchrist, Harrison and Richmond, Stanley Hinchliff, William Knight, "Vic" Labrum, "Nipper" Thorn, Bill Wimsell and Miss Elvie Yuen. The programme which includes music, sketches, pranks, a spot of magic and other spectacular items has been arranged and will be compered by David Kossick.

All Service men are welcome; no charge is being made for admission. The show will commence at 9.00 p.m. sharp.

NORTH CHINA ECONOMIC STUDY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
A North China economic mission composed of ten members has left for Japan on a three-week inspection tour and is expected to return early next month. — Havas.

INDIAN CONSTABLE ACQUITTED ON MURDER CHARGE

MAN SINGH, A POLICE constable, charged with the murder of a fellow constable, Nazar Singh, at the Yaumati Police Station on August 6 was, to-day found "Not Guilty" and discharged after the jury had retired for three minutes.

The case for the Crown was conducted by Mr. J. Reynolds, assisted by Inspector A. E. Carey, while accused was defended by the Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada, instructed by Mr. A. Silva. The jury was composed of Messrs. P. Wong (foreman), Lui Kwan-yuen, H. M. F. Xavier, Tai Hong, Chou Hon-sing and L. R. Idelfonso.

The defence plea was that the shooting was not intentional. Man Singh had called on deceased over money matters. Nazar Singh grasped at the lanyard of the revolver and there was a struggle. Deceased was shot in the lower part of the body. The other shots were fired while the struggle was still going on.

Summing up, His Lordship (Sir Atholl MacGregor) said that many facts were admitted but it was for the Crown to prove beyond reasonable doubt their case. According to the Crown, Nazar Singh was sitting at a table in the dormitory in Yaumati Police Station when accused suddenly entered and fired four shots. The Crown offered a double motive. First, the entry in the diary of February 1939, in which accused wrote that he hated deceased and secondly the answer to the charge when accused said he shot deceased because he would not repay some money.

On the other side there was the story of the struggle inspired by Nazar Singh which ended in the death of deceased.

Friends For 6½ Years

There was no eye-witness of the shooting and accused and deceased had been friends for 6½ years. Accused had a good reputation.

On the day in question, he volunteered, owing to shortage of staff to take a prisoner to Hong Kong and, in accordance with routine, was issued with a revolver and ammunition. It had been suggested that this was a deliberate move to get to Hong Kong with the revolver. The act was a lawful and decent one and it would be far fetched to believe the suggestion.

Importance must be paid to the positions of the wounds. All that could reasonably be said was that the bullet which perforated the lower part of the body had an upward tendency. This might be accounted for by a struggle in which the revolver was below Nazar Singh and pointed upward or Nazar Singh might have been lolling in a chair.

Assa Singh's Evidence

The Crown depended a great deal on the story of Assa Singh who said he heard the shots. His statements to the Police shortly after the incident and his evidence, which he stoutly maintained, were not consistent.

He was an important witness and without him the court would know nothing of what happened. But as a witness of reliability he had fallen short of the standard required.

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WON TUG-O-WAR WITH SNATCHER

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Before Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon this morning, Chan Man, 30, was sentenced to three months' hard labour and ordered to be expelled from the Colony.

LAWN BOWLS WOODS STOLEN

Two lawn bowls woods, belonging to Mr. A. Spary, of the Public Works Department, were stolen from his car which was parked outside the Police Club in Boundary Street last evening. The woods were valued at \$20.

STOCK MARKET

Although the tone was firm business on the London Stock Exchange yesterday was not large. Gilt-edged were notably steady while selected industrials encountered fair support. Wall Street was steady.—Reuter.

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AQUATICS

Records Expected To Topple In Swimming Championships

Keen Competition Envisaged In All Events

Ladies' Races Will Provide Plenty Of Excitement

By "Natator"

THE FIRST OF the three-day annual swimming classics, the Colony Championships, will commence to-morrow at 6.15 p.m. Never before in the swimming annals of the Colony have these been so keen and open, and it is safe to say that this year will mark a new high in the number of records lowered.

In addition to the half-mile record which has already been lowered by Chan Chun-nam during the heats, at least three more individual records are expected to be shattered, whilst both the medley and free-style relay times should be bettered.

During the elimination heats, Chan Chun-nam finished the half-mile in a really remarkable record-breaking time of 11 mins. 15-3/5 secs., which is over 32 secs. better than the old mark of 11 mins. 47-4/5 secs. set up by W. Lawrence in 1935.

The announcement of the official recognition of the time returned at the beginning of the heats, automatically makes this time an official record, and it is understood that Chan is out to smash his own record by attempting to complete the distance in 11 min 10 secs during the Finals.

Chan's feat was really amazing, when it is considered that he passed the quarter-mile mark in 5 min. 27 secs, which is only a fraction of a second from the existing record, and passed the 220 mark in 2 min. 36, an achievement in itself.

In view of this performance, it is quite safe to predict a record for the quarter mile in the Finals.

Chan will start favourite for the 220, 440, and 880, being assured of the last two events, but will probably be extended by Ng Nin in the 220, although Ng's time for the 220 in the heats was only 2 min 36-2/5 compared to Chan's 2 min 31-4/5 secs.

Ng Nin's time which was disappointing is not his best, and he is capable of putting down at least four seconds from it, if pace not suited to his normal form, and soon tired. Ng Nin, on the other hand, had confidence in his ultimate victory, and coasted on to finish in 12 min 19 secs, although he might have been it under 12 mins.

Charles Huang created a mild surprise when he pressed Chan Chun-nam in the heats for the 220. He is the first swimmer this season, to have given Chan such a close fight and he kept level with Chan for almost all the distance.

Enrique Chaine, who has been considered the only swimmer likely to give Ng Nin any competition in the breast-stroke, disappointed his followers, by his withdrawal from the heats.

It has been suggested in some quarters that his intention of not participating in the competition constitutes his protest against the recognition of the butterfly stroke.

Closest Race Of Meeting

Taylor, title holder, Ng Nin, Ng Tsun-man, D. Hutchinson, and Fung Kwai-sang, will start in the 50 yard sprint, in what should be the closest race of the Championships.

Although Taylor has suffered defeat at the hands of Hutchinson, and tied with Ng Tsun-man in a strange pool, he has never been beaten at the V.R.C. pool. Ng Nin, is the only dark horse; it is known that he is superior to Ng Tsun-man who gave Taylor a good fight when they met the only time, and as a result Ng Nin will probably be the only challenger.

The identical five will compete again in the 100 yards title, which Lawrence has seen fit not to defend. Ng Nin is reputed to have negotiated the distance in 54 seconds, but that can only be an exaggeration. After watching him swim 50 metres on many occasions, my estimation is that his time is more likely to be between 55 and 56 secs. David Hutchinson, the only rival to Ng, has improved tremendously during the current year, and is said to have covered the distance in 55-3/5 secs. on Sunday.

Chinese Favoured For Men's Relays

Several swimmers from Eastern Athletic Association have expressed their regret in their decision to boycott the Championships, and it is learned that Chung Shing have acquired their services for their relay races. Should this be the case, Chung Shing will probably account for both the medley and free-style relays in record time.

In the Medley relay, only V.R.C. is expected to give them a fight, and although they have not yet suffered defeat, V.R.C. may have to admit the superiority of the Chung Shing team.

This conclusion is based on the fact that Shek Kam-pui will not concede more than a body's length to Rumjahn in the back-stroke, whilst Ng Nin, swimming butterfly against D. Hutchinson, should not only off-set this loss but actually give his last man a lead of at least a body's length for victory.

The University trio of Wong Yat-hung (back), Yeung Yuk-wah (breast) and Ng Tsun-man (free) will not offer any serious opposition.

Chung Shing's free-style relay team of Tommy Kew, Shek Kam-pui, Ng Nin and either Lee Fook-ke or Fung Kwai-wang, which is capable of an average under 26 seconds per man, is bound to shatter the existing record, whilst the V.R.C. team of D. Taylor, D. Hutchinson, C. Silva-Netto, and Lionel Roza Pereira, will have to extend themselves to beat the University team of Ng Tsun-man, Wong Yat-hung, Au Kwok-ke and C. Huang.

Improvement Shown In All Ladies' Events

The addition of more events in the ladies' Championships has been a stimulant to the swimming activities of the fairer sex, and improvement on the whole has been shown in the heats. Prior to the heats, Miss V. Churn was considered the undisputed champion among the ladies, but the trials for the 50 yards proved that she had a triple threat in the Misses Ko Miu-lin, Ho Wai-king and even J. Anderson, the latter having improved her

time by over five seconds during the course of the season.

Miss Anderson is being coached by the inimitable Lionel Roza Pereira, one-time Colony Champion. Miss Anderson would have returned a much better time in the heats, were it not for the fact that she was fouled when only five yards away from the finish, and in spite of this was clocked for 32-2/5 secs.

Miss Anderson has wisely concentrated on her start and turning, which is to a large extent responsible for her improvement.

Miss Churn finished her swim in 31-3/5 secs. after being fully extended by Miss Ho Wai-king another lady sprinter, who has shown remarkable improvement, her time at the beginning of the season being in the neighbourhood of 36 secs. She has improved so much since, that she is now considered a challenger for the title, her time being only one second more than Miss Churn's in the heats for 100 yards.

In the back-stroke, Miss Sai Wai-ying should be able to retain her title as the others in the field are far below her standard.

In the breast-stroke event, Miss Lee Po-luen is in a class by herself and should be an easy winner, although Miss Ko Miu-lin will be putting over a fast one with a butterfly stroke for the last length in an attempt to put down another couple of seconds. Miss Ko's time without the butterfly stroke in the heats was 39-2/5 secs., compared to Miss Lee's 85.

The fight for the third place between Misses Au Mei-chuen, Ho Wai-man and V. Churn should provide the excitement in this race, as their times are almost the same.

V.R.C. ladies should account for both relays, especially in the free style, with their team of Misses V. Churn, J. Anderson, D. Wei, and I. Lopes.

At the selection trials, Miss Anderson clocked 32-2/5 secs. for the first time and even surprised her coach. Since then she has been very consistent in her times, and has qualified for both relay teams, swimming free-style in the medley. Miss Churn's good performances during the year automatically qualified her, although she did not swim in the trials.

Miss Churn's time of 37 seconds for the breast-stroke at the selection trials, has been the cause of a change of outlook in V.R.C. medley team, as they were thought to have no hope at all. With Miss Lopes or Celeste Gutierrez swimming back-stroke and Miss Anderson swimming free-style, the V.R.C. is now assured of first place.

The Chinese Bathing Club team including Miss Sai Wai-ying (back) and Ho Wai-king (free) will probably extend V.R.C.

Miss Churn's startling time for the breast-stroke, has caused an alteration in the composition of Lai Tsun team.

Miss Ko Miu-lin will now swim breast-stroke instead of Ng Wai-ying and Miss Cheng Oi-lin will replace Miss Ko in the free-style. Miss Tsang Fung-kwan will swim the back-stroke as originally intended.

The V.R.C. free-style relay "B" team will be the Misses E. Grant, M. Noronha, M. Choa and Celeste Gutierrez.

A Fitting Conclusion

The All-Chinese versus Combined V.R.C. and European "Y" water-polo game at the conclusion of the Championships should be full of thrilling moments, as the two teams represent the cream of the Colony's water-polo talent. Both teams are evenly matched and a good game is definitely indicated.

In the selection of the All-Chinese team, team-work has not been sacrificed for the sake of individual play. The Eastern forwards of Tommy Kew and Leo Fook-ke will be seen, assisted by the untiring Ng Nin. At centre-half will be Shek Kam-pui, also from Eastern. Chan Shek-pui, former Interporter will be kept

GRIEVE IS LEAVING THIS WEEK

W. E. GRIEVE, CLUB AND COLONY RUGBY PLAYER, IS LEAVING THIS WEEK ON TRANSFER TO CALCUTTA.

Grieve arrived in the Colony in 1936 from Shanghai but he had already made a reputation for himself in Hong Kong sporting circles long before that by reason of the fact that he had played Rugby for Shanghai against the Colony in the 1934 and 1935 Interports.

Arriving here in February 1936, Grieve was too late for the Interport that year, but he was capped in 1937 and 1938 against Shanghai. He played for the Club regularly from 1936 to 1938, when he was re-transferred to Shanghai.

Elected vice-captain of Shanghai Rugby Football Club for 1939/40, Grieve had the misfortune to sustain a leg injury in the first game that season, against U.S. Marines, and was out for the rest of the season. He returned to Hong Kong towards the close of last season but did not play at all. This season he was elected vice-captain. His successor, probably J. C. Charter, will not be elected until some time in October.

Prior to his arrival in China, Grieve played for Taunton School, London, Scottish and Hawick, while he twice represented Burma in the All-India Tournament.

While in Shanghai Grieve was keen on Paper Chasing and on his arrival here he immediately joined the Fanling Hunt and Race Club, in which he has taken a very active interest, figuring very prominently at the Fanling Races as an owner-rider. He has two ponies, Teviotdale and Sylvandale, the latter being also well-known at the Valley. He also rode with success at Macao meetings.

When he left the Colony on transfer in 1938, Grieve took Teviotdale with him, bringing the pony back on his return here this year. This time, however, Teviotdale will have to part with its master for it will not be taken to India.

ing goal for the Chinese whilst Pun Ping-man of Chung Shing and H. Winglee of South China will be the defence men.

Combined European "Y"-V.R.C. team will have M. M. de V. Soares guarding the nets. Soares has kept goal in a number of Interport meets, and is one of the best goal-keepers Hong Kong has ever seen. A. J. Hussain and W. Lawrence of V.R.C. will be the defence men, assisted by L. A. Benn of "Y". The forward line will probably be made up of R. Goldman, D. Taylor and Eric Ralton.

Chinese Championships

At the second Committee meeting for the Hong Kong Chinese Swimming Championships, held at South China last week, at which Mr. Lee Chee-hoi presided, Mr. Tse Yue-chuen was elected the Chairman and Mr. Ng Wing-hong, vice-chairman.

After a long discussion, it was agreed to include the Medley relay in the programme. This event was originally left out of the programme as the event was not recognised in the National Meet, but owing to the popularity of the event locally, it was agreed to include it. Points on a 7,5,4,3,2,1 basis will be awarded for those finishing in the finals, and will decide the team champion at the end of the gala. For the team events, the points will be doubled. Diving will only be considered as an exhibition.

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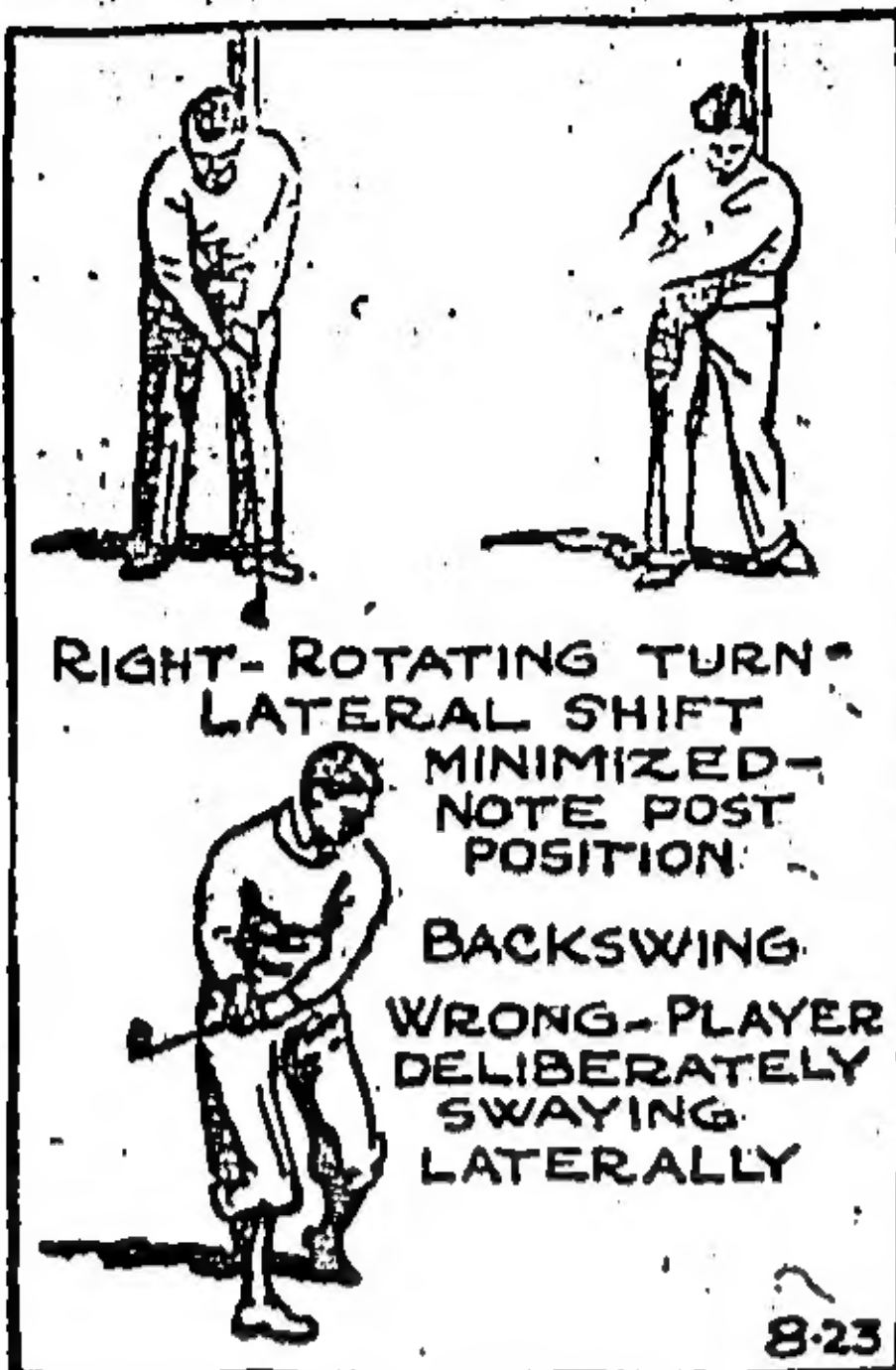
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GRAPHIC GOLF



ROTATING TURN VS. LATERAL SHIFT

By BEST BALL

A natural winding and unwinding of the hips is desired formula for the proper body turn in the golf stroke. Such a pivot in the upstroke reduces the lateral shifting of the body so that it is hardly apparent as a study of the two top illustrations above will reveal. Although the club is half through its journey on the upstroke in the second pose, there is very little difference in the body's alignment with the post in the rear. The stationary head and the left side enjoy the same relation to it that they did at address.

In the lower panel the player has so shifted his body laterally to the right, that his left knee is actually pointed inward in stilted fashion to the rear, with only the tip of the left toe touching the ground. This sway has placed the entire weight on the right foot and any further upswing will only further such distortion. Even provided that the player is able to return the clubhead to the ball in an accurate manner, the stroke will lack distance obtaining power. (Released by The Bell Syndicate, Ltd.)



TENNIS

UNIVERSITY BEAT SOUTH CHINA

In the "A" Division of the Tennis League, South China lost to University by the odd set in nine at King's Park yesterday.

F. L. Wong and K. F. Liu (S.C.A.A.) beat T. T. Lin and S. H. Ling 6-4
drew with S. Wong and C. C. Ma 6-6
beat G. Tsui and H. P. Ong 6-2
T. H. Leung and C. L. Lau (S.C.A.A.) lost to Lin and Ling 1-6
lost to Wong and Ma 4-6
lost to Tsui and Ong 1-6
L. A. Chan and K. Tsui (S.C.A.A.) beat Lin and Ling 6-2
lost to Wong and Ma 2-6
drew with Tsui and Ong 6-6
The match between K.C.C. and C.R.C. was postponed.

ARMY TENNIS

Following were the results of Third Round matches in the Army Open Singles Tennis tournament played at Sookunpoo yesterday.

S/Sgt. Emberson (R.A.O.C.) beat S/Sgt. Megson (R.E.) 6-4, 4-6, 6-3.
Sgt. Webb (R.A.M.C.) beat Sgt. Dixon (Signals) 6-4, 6-3.
Cpl. Reynolds (R.A.M.C.) beat Pte. Jenkins (R.S.) 6-1, 4-6, 6-4.
S/Sgt. Duffield (R.A.O.C.) received a walk-over from Cpl. Adams (R.A.O.C.).

WINNER MEETS LOUIS IN SPRING

BILLY CONN, light heavyweight king who became a heavyweight threat by scoring a brilliant knock-out over Bob Pastor early this month, may meet Arturo Godoy, Chilean champion, in a feature bout at Pittsburgh on September 30, Pitt Promoter Art Rooney accounced.

Promoter Mike Jacobs meanwhile announced that Conn has until next spring to meet Champion Joe Louis for the heavyweight title, and that the Brown Bomber would not defend his title before then unless a suitable opponent was found.

In the fight on September 6 at the Madison Square Garden, Conn, who weighed 174, finished Pastor in the 13th round after knocking him down three times. Pastor weighed in at 180½.

The knock-out occurred 2 minutes and 54 seconds after the start of the 13th round when Conn landed a smashing left hook to the chin, felling Pastor for the fourth time.

Fierce Body Blows

Actually, however, it was Conn's whistling hooks to the body that paved the way for Pastor's defeat after Pastor seemed to have piled up an almost insurmountable lead in the early rounds.

The beginning of the end came in the eighth inning when Conn landed a savage hook which was low, doubling up Pastor and causing the referee to call a foul.

Pastor was still weak when he came out for the ninth inning and took a terrific beating. He was on the canvas at the count of eight when the bell saved him after Conn had landed a blasting left hook to the body. Pastor was floored for the second time in the 12th round.

Still Speedy

Still speedy despite his increased weight, Conn managed to weather Pastor's tremendous body punches, especially his best punch—a smash to the heart—and after a disastrous beginning set a whirlwind gait. Conn's lightweight title was not involved as he was fighting as a heavyweight, hoping for a crack at Joe Louis.

The fight was postponed for one month on account of rain. There was little interest although Promoter Mike Jacobs before the fight predicted a \$50,000 gate. Conn was an 11 to 5 favourite.

F. WONG LIFE MEMBER OF ST ANDREW'S CLUB

Mr. F. V. Wong was elected a life member at the annual general meeting of St. Andrew's Club held in the St. Andrew's Church Hall last night when the Rev. J. R. Higgs was re-elected President.

The following officers were elected for the coming year:—Rev. J. R. Higgs (President); Messrs. R. Baldwin, R. Dormer, S. P. Heywood, A. C. Jeffreys and R. H. Wong (Vice-President); Mr. H. Kew (Hon. Sec.); Mr. A. S. Elias (Hon. Treasurer); Messrs. P. White, M. M. Davies, W. Low, V. Merritt, and Misses E. Banker and F. Wong (General Committee).

Miss F. Wong was re-elected women's hockey captain. Mr. J. Tomlinson will captain the men.

AUSTRALIAN PONY DRAW

A batch of Australian ponies will be drawn for at Hong Kong Jockey Club stables at 5.15 p.m. to-day.

TO-DAY'S BOWLS

At Kowloon F.C.
J. McCutcheon v A. M. Omar
F. X. M. da Silva v B. Basto
At Craigengower
M. N. Rakusen v F. P. Anslow
A. R. Minu v J. J. Basto
At Kowloon B.G.C.
W. J. Howard v C. H. Basto
At Recreo
J. McKelvie v U. M. Omar
T. Madar v F. Goodwin
At Kowloon C.C.
Y. Abbas v C. C. Pereira
C. Dowman v J. S. Landolt

OPEN SINGLES RESULTS

Following were the results of games played yesterday in the Second Round of the Open Single Lawn Bowls Championship.

AT CRAIGENGOWER
A. Morton beat A. Brooksbank 21-6 at the 17th.
F. J. Jones beat W. Harris 22-13 at the 19th.

AT CIVIL SERVICE
R. F. Luz beat G. Perkins 21-3 at the 13th.

C. S. Rosselet beat C. Gowland 22-16 at the 23rd.
W. Hong Sling beat J. E. Hayward 21-16 on the 23rd.

AT POLICE CLUB
M. F. Alarcon beat C. W. Lam 21-9 at the 18th.

W. R. Hillyer beat W. Ward 21-17 at the 24th.

AT KOWLOON F. C.
J. C. Remedios beat J. C. Gill 21-18.

H. White beat J. N. Wong 21-14.

AT KOWLOON DOCK
W. L. Walker beat W. V. Field 21-20 on the 22nd head.

THIS WEEK'S FIXTURES

Following are the Football League fixtures for the week-end ending September 28-29.

SATURDAY

First Division

Navy v Middlesex
(Navy ground, at 4.45 p.m.)
South China v Kowloon
(Caroline Hill, at 4.45 p.m.)
Club v St. Joseph's
(Club ground, at 4.45 p.m.)

Second Division

Eastern v Middlesex
(Navy ground, at 3.15 p.m.)
South China v Kowloon
(Caroline Hill, at 3.15 p.m.)
Club v Engineers
(Club ground, at 3.15 p.m.)

Third Division

Service Corps v Air Force
(St. Joseph's, at 4.45 p.m.)
Signals v International
(St. Joseph's, at 3.15 p.m.)
Engineers v 36th R.A.
(Sookunpoo, at 3.15 p.m.)
24th R.A. v Shell
(Sookunpoo, at 4.45 p.m.)

SUNDAY

First Division

Kwong Wah v Sing Tao
(Boundary St., at 4.45 p.m.)
Eastern v Royal Scots
(Caroline Hill, at 4.45 p.m.)

Second Division

Kwong Wah v Sing Tao
(Boundary St., at 3.15 p.m.)
Ordnance v Royal Scots
(Caroline Hill, at 3.15 p.m.)
Kit-chee v Police
(Club ground, at 4.45 p.m.)

Service Corps v 30th R.A.
(Sookunpoo, at 4.45 p.m.)

Third Division

25th R.A. v 20th R.A.
(Club ground, at 3.15 p.m.)
A.S.A. v 12th R.A.
(Chatham Rd., at 3.15 p.m.)
7th R.A. v Medicals
(Sookunpoo, at 3.15 p.m.)

MID-WEEK SOCCER

Royal Navy will play two games of football this week. On Wednesday they will meet South China at Causeway Bay, commencing at 5 p.m., and on Thursday, at the same place and time, they will oppose Eastern: A.A.

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VICHY CABINET 'EXPLAINS'

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The French Foreign Minister, M. Baudoin, yesterday issued in Vichy an outline of the Franco-Japanese negotiations which resulted in the conclusion of Sunday's agreement at Hanoi.

On August 6 a Japanese aide-memoire to the French Ambassador in Tokyo demanded the passage of troops and asked for air fields.

Although this was not an ultimatum, a categorical refusal would have created a dangerous situation for the French sovereignty of Indo-China.

The French Government agreed to accept discussion of the question on condition it should take place in a quiet atmosphere, and requested Japan to testify she had no territorial designs.

Japan replied she wished to find a basis for agreement. The parleys lasted throughout August in Tokyo and the actual agreement was signed on August 30.

Pledges Renewed

Japan renewed her pledges regarding French rights in the Far East, including the integrity of Indo-China. As a counterpart the French Government recognised Japan's dominant position in the Far East and accepted a military and economic arrangement.

Militarily the French Government granted facilities to the Japanese army "but these are temporary and are good only for the duration of the Sino-Japanese conflict."

The economic accord grants to

DRAMATIC MOVE BY BRITISH FLEET

WASHINGTON VERDICT ON INDO-CHINA

The Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, declared in a formal statement at his press conference in Washington yesterday that the status quo in Indo-China was being upset under duress.

"Events are transpiring so rapidly in the Indo-Chinese situation that it is impossible to get a clear picture of the minute-to-minute developments."

"It seems obvious that the status quo is being upset and that this is being achieved under duress."

"The position of the United States in disapproval and deprecation of such procedures has repeatedly been stated."—Reuter.

Japan a preponderant position in Indo-China as regards third powers. The accord was signed on Sept. 22. The French Government has constantly kept informed all governments concerned, including Washington. — Havas.

RECENT REPORTS have shown that the Germans are making persistent efforts to bring Dakar under their control and the movement of French ships from Toulon to Dakar, which clearly would not have been effected without German permission, gave further evidence of the attempt that was in contemplation, declared a statement issued by the Ministry of Information in London last night.

In view of the fact that a considerable element of the population was opposed to the Vichy Government's policy of subservience to Berlin and had declared in favour of Free France, General de Gaulle decided to proceed with a Free French force to Dakar to assist those elements which supported his cause.

He arrived off Dakar yesterday and only in order to continue the war against our former enemy. But the facts show this is not so. Ex-General de Gaulle is leading foreign forces in an attack against his compatriots.

"Those Frenchmen who have still hesitated to consider him a traitor now have their eyes opened."

M. Baudoin (Foreign Minister) attended the meeting of the Inner Cabinet, the others being Pierre Laval, Admiral Darlan, General Huntziger and M. Platon (Minister for Colonies). — Reuter.

Vichy Reports Of Firing

The authorities in French West Africa have been ordered to reply to fire opened on Dakar by British warships, according to reports received in Vichy yesterday by the Havas agency.

The order followed a meeting of the Inner Cabinet under Marshal Petain.

Latest reports indicate the British squadron is composed of two battleships, four cruisers, six auxiliary cruisers and a number of destroyers.

A communique issued by the Vichy Foreign Ministry last evening stated:

An Ultimatum

"Ex-General de Gaulle has arrived off Dakar with a British squadron bringing British troops. He presented to the French authorities an ultimatum urging them to surrender."

"The ultimatum was rejected and the British squadron opened fire at Dakar."

"It might be supposed that ex-General de Gaulle went to Eng-

ing. Two Japanese planes have been shot down.

French women and children are being evacuated from the border areas. — Reuter.

Six French Warships Sent To Dakar

IN CONNECTION WITH THE DAKAR STORY IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT THE VICHY GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED ON SEPT. 14 THAT THREE FRENCH CRUISERS AND THREE DESTROYERS HAD ARRIVED AT DAKAR FROM TOULON.

Dakar is the seat of the General Government of French West Africa.

The colonies of Senegal, French Guinea, the Ivory Coast, Dahomey, French Sudan, Mauritania, Niger and Dakar are each under a governor subject to the direction of the Governor-General at Dakar. — Reuter.

CHOLERA WANES

Only nine cases of Cholera occurred in the Colony yesterday — seven on the mainland and two on the Island.

During the week ended on Saturday 198 new cases of Cholera were recorded by the Health Authorities. There were 225 deaths.

INDO-CHINA BATTLE ASSUMES SERIOUS PROPORTIONS

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ese and French are both using field artillery and that heavy shelling is continuing on the border.

Reuter Reports

Two Planes Shot Down

A Reuter message from Haiphong this morning states that renewed fighting between Japanese and French troops occurred on the Indo-China border yesterday afternoon and continued till nightfall.

According to French reports, Japanese troops, supported by planes, attacked French positions 12 miles in-

side the Indo-China frontier in the Dongdang neighbourhood.

When the planes crossed the coast the alarm was sounded all over Indo-China and the population took refuge in shelters in an orderly manner.

The French say the Japanese are infringing Sunday's agreement in trying to enter Indo-China territory from China, as the agreement provided that no Japanese South China army troops were to enter till the subsidiary agreement had been reached. — Reuter.

Still Going On This Morning

The fighting continued throughout the night and was still in progress at 10 o'clock this morn-

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(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") JAPANESE AIRCRAFT CONTINUED ATTACKS ON FRENCH ARMY POSITIONS NEAR THE BORDER THIS MORNING.

THE FRENCH ARE SAID TO BE RETREATING FIGHTING A DEFENSIVE ACTION.

AN UNCONFIRMED REPORT SAYS THAT FRENCH AIRCRAFT ARE RETALIATING.

THE JAPANESE SPOKESMAN HAS STATED THAT JAPANESE ARMED FORCES "WILL DESTROY ALL RESISTANCE ENCOUNTERED IN INDO-CHINA."

THE SPOKESMAN STATED THAT THE JAPANESE HAD CAPTURED 240 ANNAMITE TROOPS AND A NUMBER OF FRENCH OFFICERS. SOME 130 ANNAMITE TROOPS WERE KILLED.

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